

Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Children's Overview

A. The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

"I think you have not quite understood our purpose. You talk as if we have come to you with our hat in our hands begging for shipmates. It isn't like that at all. We ... have an errand to the worlds edge. It is our pleasure to choose from among you who are willing those whom we deem worthy of so high an enterprise. We have not said that any can come for the asking. That is why we shall now command the Lord Drinian (the captain) to consider carefully what men among you are the hardest in battle, the most skilled seamen, the purest in blood, the most loyal to our person, and the cleanest of life and manners. And to give their names to us on a list.

By Aslan's Mane do you think the privilege of seeing the last things is to be bought by a song? Why every man who comes with us shall bequeath the title of Dawn Treader to all his descendants, and when we land at Cair Paravell on the homeward voyage, he shall have either gold or land enough to make rich all the days of his life."

B. God Transformed Israel's Thinking

1. None of them deserved to be God's *treasured possession*...
2. They did not deserve to be building the Tabernacle
3. God gives the Holy Spirit – Skill...Changed Heart

Key Idea

God graciously teaches us of our utter dependence on him so that our participation in his purposes is properly seen as the privilege it really is.

II. (God is) Building a Beautiful Place for God to Live

A. *New Creation* Work by the *Spirit of God*

Exodus 31:1–7 (Cf. Genesis 41:38; Genesis 1:2)

¹ The Lord said to Moses, ² “See, I have called by name **Bezalel** the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³ and I have filled him with the *Spirit of God*, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, ⁴ to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ⁵ in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. ⁶ And behold, I have appointed with him **Oholiab**, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: ⁷ the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony...

Exodus 35:1–3

¹ Moses assembled all the congregation of the people of Israel and said to them, “These are the things that the Lord has commanded you to do. ² *Six days* work shall be done, but *on the seventh day* you shall have a *Sabbath* of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. ³ You shall kindle no fire in all your dwelling places on the Sabbath day.”

B. Expert Builders...Able to Teach

Exodus 35:34-35a, 36:2

³⁴ And he has inspired him [Bezalel] *to teach*, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. ³⁵ He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work...

² And Moses called **Bezalel and Oholiab** and every craftsman *in whose mind the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him* up to come to do the work.

III. What is God Building Now?

A. Expert Builders

1 Corinthians 3:10–13, 16-17

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ...

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are **God's temple** and that *God's Spirit dwells in you*? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

B. The Tools of the Trade

Romans 15:17–21

¹⁷ In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. ¹⁸ *For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—**by word and deed**, ¹⁹ *by the power of signs and wonders, **by the power of the Spirit of God***—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; ²⁰ and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's **foundation**, ²¹ but as it is written, “Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.”*

C. Gospel Power & Motives

The Gospel Prayer

“In Christ, there is nothing I can do that would make You love me more, and nothing I have done that makes You love me less.”

“Your presence and approval are all I need for everlasting joy.”

“As You have been to me, so I will be to others.”

“As I pray, I’ll measure Your compassion by the cross and Your power by the resurrection.”

Romans 12:6–21

⁶ **Having gifts** that differ according to the grace given to us, let us **use them**: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.