

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: December 4, 2022**  
**Exodus 30-31**

1. What did we talk about in the last week's study?
  - a. More details and ritual.
  - b. God's instructions for the consecration of the priests and the temple articles.
  - c. The importance of "purification" and "consecration" of those who people and items that come into the presence of God.
  
2. What are we talking about now in this text?
  - a. Well, it looks like we have more instructions for ceremonies and rituals.
  - b. In chapter 30, we have the altar of incense, the atonement money, the basin for washing, the anointing oil, and the incense.
  - c. In chapter 31, we have Bezlel and Oholiab, whoever they were, and The Sabbath.
  
3. What do 30:11-16 say about the "Atonement money"?
  - a. God told Moses to take a Census of the Israelites.
  - b. Each person who was counted (20 years old or older) was to give a half a shekel.
  - c. The rich and the poor were to give the same, so this is different than the tithe.
  - d. We are told that this atonement offering was to be paid in order to make atonement for their lives.
  - e. The offering was to be used for the service of the tent of meeting.
  
4. I'm sure a lot of us bristle at the thought of this (or sometimes any) offering. Why would they do something like this and why is this different from the tithe?
  - a. The tithe is based on income and is given in order to give thanks for God's provision of food and to show trust in God for his future provision.
  - b. This is a reminder that God has given us life and is a flat offering. Everyone's life is worth the same, no matter how rich or poor they are.
  - c. God used this to provide
  - d. Nobody knows for sure how much this offering is. A shekel is a weight and it doesn't specifically say a shekel of what. Commentators believe that it was a weight of silver. In today's money, this would be somewhere between \$2-\$6, so it wasn't a major tax.
  
5. In 30:17-21, the Basin for washing is described and instructions are given for Aaron and his sons. Why do you think this is significant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What is described in 30:34-38? \_\_\_\_\_  
What instructions are given in 30:37-38? \_\_\_\_\_  
What do you think of when you smell incense today? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you think God's instructions for this were reasonable? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. What is described in 31:1-11?
  - a. It sounds like he's talking about artists and artisans now. I don't know why this is in the middle of the section about worship items and priests.
  - b. God told Moses (in verse 2-3) "...I have chosen Bezalel...and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills – to make artistic designs...."
  
8. Is it possible that God has gifted and chosen you and filled you with his Spirit, with wisdom, and with understanding...and that the thing that you offer to God as an act of worship may be something that we don't usually think of when we are thinking of "ministry"? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the gift and call that God has placed on you? \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. What id God's final instruction in this section? \_\_\_\_\_