"The Priests, Pt 1" • Exodus 28:1–30

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This morning we focus on the GEMSTONES in the High Priest's garments with three "mini–sermons"

Vs 1–8 • Intro to the garments _____

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Discussion *• Review how the colors of fabric and textiles tell the story of the Gospel: Blue, White Linen, Scarlet, Gold, Purple*

Sermon #1 • The Shoulder Gemstones

Vs 9–12 • Engraved with the names of the 12 tribes _____

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We are "engraved" as well_____

_____ (Isaiah 49:15–16; John 20:27–28)

Discussion *• Compare these "shoulder stones" to the work of Christ (1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18)*

Sermon #2 • The Breastplate Gemstones

Vs 13–21 • Construction details _____

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Purpose of the engraved gemstones (vs 29) = *to carry*_____
…before the Lord continually

4 takeaways—

#1 • God knows your _____ (Isaiah 43:1; 2 Timothy 2:19)

#2 • We are kept close to the _____of Jesus our High Priest

Discussion *• How do each of the 3 parables of Luke 15 show us this?*

#3 • We are extremely _____ to God

Discussion *• How does Matthew 13:44 speak of Jesus' love for us?*

We are called His_____ (Ephesians 1:18)

#4 • We are unique gemstones, but we are to be _____ (1 Cor 12:12–27)

And if one stone is missing, the whole garment is _____

Vs 22–28 • More construction details

Sermon #3 • The Gemstones of Judgment

Vs 30 • These are called the Urim ("lights") and Thummim ("perfection") These are seen in 1 Samuel 28 & 30, & referred to as the priests "casting lots" in scripture

Topical Study: ***How to discern God's will***—

James 1:5–7 • First:_____

Psalm 119:105 • Be saturated in_____(Romans 12:2)

Proverbs 11:3 • *"The_____ of the upright will guide them"* (James 3:17)

Acts 15 • God *might sometimes* lead through _____

Proverbs • But always seek_____ (Proverbs 11:14, 15:22, 24:6)

1 Corinthians 10:31 • Sometimes we just have to _____what to do
Guidelines: (1) Do it to the glory of God (2) Acknowledge Him (Prov 3:6) (3) Don't panic—trust God! (Romans 8:28)

Discuss *• How do you most often find God's direction for your life?*