

Exodus 28

I. Garments of the Priest: God's Sanctified Dress Code

- Children of Israel in bondage for 400 years after Joseph and family arrive
- Moses raised up as deliverer as God speaks from Burning Bush
- Plagues of Egypt ending with Firstborn in Egypt dying
- Pharaoh agrees to let people go
- Children of Israel leave Egypt after 400+ years bondage
- Led by Pillar of smoke by day/pillar of Fire by night
- Passover instituted commemorating death Angel passing over the Blood
- Red Sea: Children of Israel delivered/Pharaoh's army destroyed
- Manna from Heaven/Water from Rock: Still much complaining
- Jethro: Moses Father-in-Law gives advice to delegate
- Law given: 10 Commandments and others societal, ceremonial and moral laws
- Chapter 25: God begins plans for the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Tent; meeting place
- Blueprints for Furnishings: Ark, Table of Showbread, Gold Lampstand, Bronze Altar of Burnt Offering

All to prepare/re-create sinful people to meet/have a relationship with a Holy God

- **Next a Mediator must be put in place:**

1. Represent people to God
2. Represent God to the People

- **God speaking to Moses...**

1 "Now take **Aaron** your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may **minister to Me as priest**, Aaron and Aaron's sons: **Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar**.

- **Priests that minister to God**

1. Moses brother Aaron
2. **Aaron's sons:** Nadab, Abihu [don't get attached], Eleazar, and Ithamar
3. **Priesthood Inherited:** Must be born into the priestly family

2 And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. 3 So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.

- **Holy Garments for the High Priest:**

1. Set Apart for the Work of God
2. Set apart for the Glory of God
3. Set apart for the Beauty of God

True Priests wore garments that reveal God's Glory and Beauty

- **Priestly Garments:** Picture of imputed righteousness

Zechariah 3:1 [Read] Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.

- **Joshua:** High Priest standing before
- **The Angel of the Lord:** Jesus
- Satan standing accusing Joshua...

2 And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.

Lord rebukes Satan's accusation of the High Priest standing in filthy garments

- This is one I plucked from the fire!

4 Then [God] answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him [God] said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and **I will clothe you with rich robes.**" 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the Lord stood by.

- **High Priestly Garment:** Glory and Beauty of imputed righteousness

Galatians 3:27 ...as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Romans 13:14 ...put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Revelation 19:8 And to [the Bride of Christ] it was **granted** to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

- **Made by Gifted Artisans** [Craftsman] Filled with Spirit of Wisdom:

Anything truly done for God's Glory must be inspired, led, empowered and completed by the Holy Spirit [NJC]

1. Made for the Consecration [Setting apart] Aaron to God
2. Designed for Aarons ministry **to God**

Our first commitment to ministry must be to minister/bless to God Himself...then others [NJC]

Colorful Priestly Garments...for glory and for beauty.

- **Priests of today wear garments of black:** Death

"Is then the dismal black, now worn by almost all kinds of priests and ministers, for glory and for beauty? Is it emblematic of anything that is good, glorious, or excellent? How unbecoming the glad tidings announced by Christian ministers is a color emblematical of nothing but mourning and woe, sin, desolation, and death!" [Clarke]

- **Specific Articles of Priestly Garment**

4 And these are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a skillfully woven tunic, a turban, and a sash. So they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister to Me as priest.

- **Garments of the Priest:**

1. Breastplate
2. Ephod
3. Robe
4. Tunic
5. Turban
6. Sash: Detailed below...



II. Ephod of the Priest

5 "They [i.e. gifted craftsman] shall take the gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and the fine linen, 6 and they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, artistically worked.

- **Ephod of the Priest:** Priesly Apron
- Tightly [fine] woven linen by God-gifted artist

1. **Blue:** **Heavens;** i.e. Jesus Deity...Word with God Word is God
2. **Scarlet:** **Blood;** i.e. Jesus Humanity. Emptied self into likeness of man
3. **Purple:** **Mixture** of Blue/Scarlet; Jesus God/Man. Word became flesh
4. **Gold:** **New Color** speaks of Jesus as King: On Throne David eternally

7 [The Ephod] shall have two shoulder straps joined at its two edges, and so it shall be joined together. 8 And the intricately woven band of the ephod, which is on it, shall be of the same workmanship, made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen.

- Two shoulder straps and woven band of same colors: Blue, Scarlet, Purple and Gold

9 "Then you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the **sons of Israel** [Jacob]: 10 ...six of their names on one stone and six names on the other stone, in order of their birth. 11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall set them in settings of gold. 12 And you shall put the two stones on the shoulders of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. So Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord on his two shoulders as a memorial. 13 You shall also make settings of gold, 14 and you shall make two chains of pure gold like braided cords, and fasten the braided chains to the settings.

- Two stones on either side set in gold on the priests shoulders
- Two chains of pure gold fastened to the gold settings of the two stones
- Each of the two stones engraved with names of six tribes

- 12 Tribes of Israel sons of Jacob in order of birth on Aaron's shoulders:

1. Reuben
2. Simeon
3. Levi
4. Judah
5. Dan
6. Naphtali
7. Gad
8. Asher
9. Issachar
10. Zebulun
11. Joseph
12. Benjamin

- **Remember:** Aaron's First ministry is to God:

Exodus 28:12 ... make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister to Me as priest.

- **First ministry is to God:**

1. Praise
2. Thanksgiving

- **Can't give what we do not have:** We gain strength from God first

2 Timothy 2:6 The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

- First service is to God. **Second is to the people...**

V 12 So Aaron shall **bear their names** before the Lord on his two shoulders as a memorial

- Bearing the burden of God's people on his shoulders...

Mark 12:30 ...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31 And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

- **Loving:** From least to most difficult

1. **Love God**
2. **Love your brother:** Fellow Christians
3. **Love your neighbor:** Non-believer open to listening
4. **Love your enemy:** Antagonistic to God, His message and you

- **High Priest:** Offer sacrifice to God **for the people**

We are called priests and offering ourselves to God first

1 Peter 2:5 ...you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy

priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- We are all priests called to offer sacrifice:

Romans 12:1 [Read] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies** a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- **First:** Offer ourselves [bodies] to God
 1. Eyes, Ears, Minds, Hearts, Hands, Feet
 2. Entire Body a Burnt Sacrifice: Keep ourselves pure
- **Secondly:** As priests we are to **bear each other's burdens**

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

- How do we bear each other burdens?
 1. **Selfless Listening:** Confess sins to one another. Encourage one another.
 2. **Selfless Praying:** Sacrifice of praying and interceding
 3. **Selfless Giving:** Meet needs when they are revealed to you. **Don't wait...**

Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so. 28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you.

SUMMARY Ephod of the Priest: Bear burden of God's people on their shoulders

- First ministry was to the Lord/Second ministry was to people

III. Breastplate of the Priest

15 "You shall make the breastplate of judgment. Artistically woven according to the workmanship of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, you shall make it.

- Ephod first article, Second article... **Breastplate of the Priest:**
 1. Same style and stringent workmanship of Ephod
 2. Worn over Ephod
 3. **Same God-ordained Colors:** Jesus deity, humanity, dual/nature, kingship

16 [The Breastplate] shall be doubled into a square: a span shall be its length, and a span shall be its width. 17 And you shall put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones: The first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald; this shall be the first row; 18 the second row shall be a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond; 19 the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; 20 and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold settings. 21 And the stones shall have the names of the sons of



Israel, twelve according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, each one with its own name; they shall be according to the twelve tribes.

- **Breastplate of the Priest:**

1. Square w/ 4 rows and 3 columns of precious stones
2. Twelve stones each with the name of one tribe of Israel [again]

Gold settings for the 12 precious stones: Picture of God's heart for His people

- Precious stones of Wall of New Jerusalem our eternal abode?

Revelation 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprased, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass

Twelve Stones of Priestly Breastplate represent our value to God.
Reminder that we are precious in His sight

Matthew 13:44 "...the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

- Because of God's love for us He gave all that He had to redeem us

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- Jesus is now eo sin hprecious in His sightGondm God firstour High Priest who lives to "stick up for us" when nobody else is

Hebrews 7:23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.**

- Satan accused Joshua the High Priest of being filthy with sin

Zechariah 3:4 Then [Jesus] answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, **I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.**"⁵ And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." "So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. **And the Angel of the Lord stood by.**

- Jesus continues to stand by us as our advocate **when Satan accuses...**

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

- **God's Love for us shown in...**

1. In God sending His Son...giving His all
2. In Jesus our High Priest advocating for us
3. In Precious stones of Breastplate
 - Resting in Gold setting
 - Representing God's people

God himself is the designer of the garment and chose precious stones to represent us

22 "You shall make **chains for the breastplate** at the end, like braided cords of pure gold. 23 And you shall make two rings of gold for the breastplate, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 24 Then you shall put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate; 25 and the other two ends of the two braided chains you shall fasten to the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod in the front.

- **Chains of pure gold:**

1. Hung from two rings at end of Breastplate
2. Attached to the two setting on the Ephod

26 "You shall make two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which is on the inner side of the ephod. 27 And two other rings of gold you shall make, and put them on the two shoulder straps, underneath the ephod toward its front, right at the seam above the intricately woven band of the ephod. 28 They shall bind the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the ephod, using a blue cord, so that it is above the intricately woven band of the ephod, and so that the breastplate does not come loose from the ephod.

- **Scarlet chord:** Symbolic of Jesus blood throughout OT/NT: Clothing, Rahab, etc.
- **Blue chord** attached from Ephod and Breastplate...

Symbolic of all things held together by Heaven's power and not man's inadequate efforts
God holds all things together. He's got this...

Colossians 1:15 [Read] He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and **in Him all things consist** ["hold together" NASB] . 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

- World, universe, and multiverses are held together by Jesus

Hebrews 1:1 [Read] God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the

brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, **[Jesus upholds] all things by the word of His power**

God's got this! Give Him room...

Proverbs 3:5 ... 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

God holds all things together... until he doesn't...

2 Peter 3:10 ...the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a **great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.**

Things of this world are temporal...everything that can be shaken will be shaken

Hebrews 12:27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the **removal of those things that are being shaken**, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

- **What can be shaken? Everything that is not on a Rock foundation**

1. **Stuff:** All going to burn
2. Everything done without love...is nothing
3. Everything done apart from Jesus can/will be shaken and burned up

1 Corinthians 3:11 ...no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

ONLY LOVE WILL LAST: Love for God/Love for others

- Everything that can be shaken will be shaken.

The Cost of Sanctification: Oswald Chambers

Sanctification means being one with Jesus so that the nature that controlled Him will control us. Are we really prepared for what that will cost? It will cost absolutely everything in us which is not of God. The resounding evidence of the Holy Spirit in a person's life is the unmistakable family likeness to Jesus Christ, and the freedom from everything which is not like Him

- How do we know what Jesus nature is? His Word.
- **God's Word and God's Promises remains forever...**

Isaiah 40:6 ... "All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, **But the word of our God stands forever."**

- **Blue:** Symbol of Heaven holding things together

29 "So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate of judgment over his heart, when he goes into the holy place, as a memorial before the Lord continually.

- Priest bears the weight of the people on his shoulders: **Work for the people**
- Priest bears the burden of the people on his heart: **Love for the people**

**Church Leaders must not only work for the people but must love the people
Motivation must be Love**

1 Peter 5:1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

30 And you shall put in the **breastplate of judgment** the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the Lord. So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before the Lord continually.

- **"Breastplate of Judgment"** also v15
 1. Contains Urim and Thummim: Black/White rocks?
 2. Lit. **"Lights and Perfections"**
 3. Answer/judgment of matter from God

To "consult the Urim and Thummim" meant to present the matter to the Lord

- Also known as the **"Breastplate of Righteousness"** covering the heart

Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness...

- **Practical works of righteousness:**
 1. Plan created beforehand for us to walk in
 2. Light unto our feet: Path/Stepping Stones God lays out before us
- **Positional Righteousness:** Seated at right hand of Christ, Clothed w/ Christ
- **Practical Righteousness:** Doing what God has called us to do...

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God **prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

- **Breastplate of Righteousness:** Not self-righteousness
- **Also known as Breastplate of Faith and Love**

1 Thessalonians 5:8 ...let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of

faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

- Our faith is worked out in love:

Philippians 2:12 [Read] Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling**; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. 14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

- Work out our salvation? Not “work for” but “work out”
- We work out our Salvation in fear and trembling as we strive to love one another

Galatians 5:5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, **but faith working through love.**

They will know us by our love. Let's make sure that's what are doing!

- **Garment of the Priests**

Exodus 28:2 ...you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. 3 So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom

IV. Other Priestly Apparel

- God speaking to Moses...

31 “You shall make the **robe** of the ephod all of blue. 32 There shall be an opening for his head in the middle of it; it shall have a woven binding all around its opening, like the opening in a coat of mail, so that it does not tear.

- **Robe of the Priest:**
 1. Blue Robe
 2. One opening for head
 3. Bound/hemmed to prevent tearing
 4. **One Piece...**

- **Our Great High Priest** wore a one piece garment:

John 19:23 ...the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic **was without seam**, woven from the top in one piece. 24 They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: “They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.”

- **Ruined if torn:** High Priest seamless robe as was Jesus tunic

33 And upon [the robe's] hem you shall make **pomegranates** of blue,

purple, and scarlet, all around its hem, and **bells** of gold between them all around: 34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe all around.

- **Hem of Priests Robe:** Pomegranates and Bells

1. **Pomegranate** shaped ornaments around the bottom hem:

- **Blue:** Heavens/Jesus Deity
- **Scarlet:** Blood shed on earth/Jesus Humanity
- **Purple:** Jesus Deity and Humanity

2. **Golden [gold] bell** between each pomegranate



35 And it shall be upon Aaron when he ministers, and its sound will be heard when he goes into the holy place before the Lord and when he comes out, that he may not die.

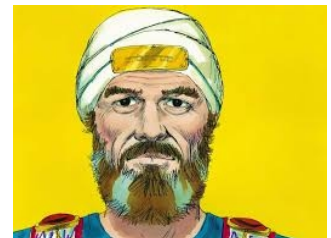
- **Sacrifice must be acceptable!**

1. Animal without blemish
2. Priest with a clean slate; i.e. sanctified as per instructions...

If bells stopped while priest offered sacrifice it meant the sacrifice not accepted

1. One piece robe with pomegranates and bells
2. **Next, Turban for High Priests head...**

36 "You shall also make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet: HOLINESS TO THE LORD. 37 And you shall put it on a blue cord, that it may **be on the turban**; it shall be on the front of the turban.



- **Turban:** Simple wool linen headpiece
- **Badge of Gold:** Holiness [Separated unto] the LORD

Badge of Honor to be separated unto the Lord

- We call good what God calls good
- We call sin what God calls sin

We accept reproach for Jesus and righteousness as a gold badge of honor on our heads!

Hebrews 13:13 Therefore let us go forth to [Jesus], outside the camp, bearing His reproach. 14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

38 So it shall be on Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of Israel hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord.

- **Reason for Gold Badge on Forehead of Priest:**

1. Symbolic of bearing the "iniquity of the holy things"; gifts of the people
2. "Perfect" sacrifice the people would bring was not perfect
3. Aaron the High Priest would bear the "**sin of what is to be sinless**"

...that [the people's sacrifice would be] accepted by the Lord.

Paraphrase: [That the priest symbolically] take upon himself the guilt of any ritual error or mistake made accidentally in offering the holy things [Cambridge]

- Leader's Responsibility for overseeing people "*doing things right*" is heavy
- Paul put leaders of the church in Corinth to the test:
 1. Sexual misconduct in church/Refusal to repent
 2. Paul: "Throw unrepentant sinner out of church, hand him over to Satan"
 3. Elders now responsible:
 - Listen to God's instruction through Paul
 - Bear the burden of sin and discipline the unrepentant sinner
 4. Obeyed/ threw him out/ came back repentant...

2 Corinthians 2:8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him. 9 For to this end I also wrote, that **I might put you to the test**, whether you are obedient in all things.

- What would have happened if the leaders did not bear the burden of discipline?
- They were responsible for/to their congregation and did what needed to be done
- **Result:** Restoration and Holiness

Tunic with gold badge: High Priest bearing burden of that which not perfect in his charge

39 "You shall skillfully weave the tunic of fine linen thread, you shall make the turban of fine linen, and you shall make the sash of woven work. 40 "For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them. And you shall make hats for them, for glory and beauty.

- Tunics and Sashes for all priests
- Turban for Aaron and Hats for sons
 1. Express God's Glory
 2. Express God's Beauty v.2

41 So you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him. You shall anoint them, consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to Me as priests.

- Put on the Priestly Garments:
 1. Anoint them
 2. Consecrate them
 3. Sanctify them



...that they may *minister to Me as priests*. First ministry to God, second to others

42 And you shall make for them linen trousers to cover their nakedness; they shall reach from the waist to the thighs.

- **Pants so as not be exposed...**

Exodus 20:25 And if you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you use your tool on it, you have profaned it. 26 Nor shall you go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed on it.'

- **Nakedness:** Beautiful until sin entered man in the garden
- **Became shameful** only due to man's now sinful thoughts

Genesis 2:25 [Read] And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

- Sin

Genesis 3:7 [Read] Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "**Who told you that you were naked?** Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

- Didn't notice their nakedness previous to sin
- Reminded of their nakedness by Satan after sin. Now people are obsessed

We are not to wear clothes that cause others to stumble

1 Timothy 2:9 [I desire] women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

"Women, modesty means you have beauty and power. And you use that to teach men how to love you for the right reasons." Jason Evert

"Dear girls, Dressing immodestly is like rolling around in manure. Yes you will get attention, but *ALL of it will be from pigs.*" Sincerely, Real Men

"Dressing modestly doesn't mean I lack confidence, it means I'm so confident I don't need to reveal my body to the world *because I rather reveal my mind.*" Anonymous

"Modesty isn't about hiding ourselves – it's about *revealing our dignity.*" Jessica Rey

43 [Linen trousers to cover nakedness] shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they come into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister in the holy place...

- **Term for pant tells a lot about your age and other stuff?**

1. Trousers
2. Pants
3. Levi's
4. Jeans
5. Slacks
6. Pantaloons
7. Corduroys
8. Chinos

▪ **Dress Code for Priests applies:**

1. Within the Tabernacle [Tent of Meeting]
2. Near the Altar
3. Whenever they minister

Let the priests set themselves apart...

43b... that they do not incur iniquity and die. It shall be a statute forever to him and his descendants after him.

- Set apart for the work of God

"He that chooses God, devotes himself to God as the vessels of the sanctuary were consecrated and set apart from common to holy uses, so he that has chosen God to be his God, has dedicated himself to God, and will no more be devoted to profane uses." Thomas Watson

"A soul disengaged from the world is a heavenly one; and then are we ready for heaven when our heart is there before us." John Newton

- **Holiness:** Be Holy as I am Holy says the Lord
- **Know who you are in Christ...**

1 Peter 2:9 [Read] But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

- **Chosen Generation:** Lit. Family...picked out by God
- **Royal Priesthood...**

Lit. Priests of Kingly rank. I.e. exalted to a moral rank and freedom which exempts us from control of everyone but God!

- We are called to separate ourselves from the things God calls sin...

2 Corinthians 6:17 Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." 18 "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty."

- **Badge of Gold:** Holiness [Separated unto] the LORD

Badge of Honor to be separated unto the Lord

- We call thing good that God calls good
- We call things sin that God calls sin

People will mock as we leave the old sinful life...

1 Peter 4:3 [Read] ...we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. 5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

John 15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

We accept reproach for Jesus and righteousness as a golden badge of honor!

Pleasing people is a trap leading to death. Pleasing God is wisdom leading to Life.

- **We must find out/explore** what God calls good and what God calls bad by renewing our minds in/by His Word

Romans 12:1 [Read] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- **I beg you by the mercies of God:**

1. Present yourself to God a living Sacrifice
2. Able to crawl off altar but staying firm
3. Acceptable Sacrifice: Holy and Set Apart
4. Don't be stuffed into the worlds mold; conformed what they tell you

Priests of Kingly rank. I.e. exalted to a moral rank and freedom which exempts us from control of everyone but God!

5. Not conformed but transformed [Choice: I beseech you...]
6. Transformed by renewing of our minds through God's Word
 - May prove [know] what is good
 - May prove [know] what is acceptable

That you may know the perfect will of God

- **We must find out/explore** what God calls good and what God calls bad by renewing our minds in/by His Word
- **To know His will. How do I know God's will? Read His Word!**

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

- Not to be seen as bunch of fools but shining in a dark world...

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life

- Not to be seen as fools but...
- **Set apart to reveal Gods Beauty and His Glory:**
 1. **Salt** to a distasteful perverse world
 2. **Light** to a dark dying world...

Matthew 5:13 [Read] "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Exodus 28:2 ...you shall make holy garments [the priests], **for glory and for beauty.**

- Garments of the Priests:

Illustration of Being Clothed in Christ

...that the world might see *His* Glory and *His* Beauty