

Exodus 28

1. How easy is it for you to talk about God with your family? Please explain.

What is the biggest hindrance when it comes to sharing Jesus with a family member?

Do you think it would be easy or difficult to minister alongside your sibling? Please explain.

2. Whom does God tell Moses to get?

What is a priest to you?

Why was Moses to make special clothes for Aaron and his sons?

How can clothes give one dignity and honor?

What type of clothes do you think a priest or pastor should wear to bring honor and dignity to his/her position?

What does the word "sacred" mean to you?

3. Who was to make these special garments?

Verse 3 says that God will give these skilled men wisdom so they can make these garments. Why wisdom?

What garments are they to make for the priests?

What is an ephod?

What colors are they to use in making these garments?

4. Of what were they to make the ephod?

Why do you think God wanted it to be so colorful?

What does verse 7 tell us about the ephod?

What does it mean that the waistband was to be one piece with the ephod?

5. What are onyx stones?

What were they to do with the stones?

What names would appear on the first stone and in what order?

On the second stone?

Verse 11 tells us that they had gem cutters during this time. Does this surprise you? Explain.

After carving the names, what were they to do with the stones?

Where were the stones to be fastened once finished?

What does it mean to you that Aaron was to bear the names of the tribes of Israel on his shoulders?

What implication does this hold for pastors today?

Read Isaiah 6:9. What does this verse mean in light of God's instructions concerning the onyx stones?

What are the final touches to the ephod?

6. According to verse 15, what was to be the purpose of the breastpiece?

How do you make decisions?

How do you think decisions should be made in the church?

What was the size of the breastpiece?

What was to be mounted on the breastpiece?

What were the twelve stones to symbolize?

What was the purpose of the braided chains and rings described in verses 22-27?

Why do you think God wanted the breastpiece connected to the ephod using the waistband?

Read I Cor. 3:11-13. Do you think Paul was referring to the priest's breastpiece in this passage? Please explain.

7. What does verse 29 tell us?

What is the significance of Aaron's bearing the names over his heart?

What is the significance for priests or pastors today?

How do you carry someone on your heart before the Lord?

8. What were the Urim and the Thummim?

What do these two words mean?

Where was the priest to place these two items?

Why did God want them kept over the priest's heart?

For what were the Urim and Thummim to be used?

What is the relationship between making decisions and the heart?

9. Describe the robe mentioned in verse 31.

Why do you think the robe was to be of one piece?

Why was it to have a collar?

What other garment was made of one piece of cloth with no seams?

What was to go on the hem of the garment?

When was Aaron to wear this robe?

What was the purpose of the bells?

What do you think the people felt when they heard the bells?

10. Next, they were to make a gold plate. What were they to engrave on it?

Where was the plate to be attached?

Why do you think it was attached to the turban?

What does verse 38 tell us?

What does it mean to you that Aaron was to bear the guilt of the people?

In what way does this aspect of Aaron's responsibilities remind us of Jesus?

Aaron was to wear the plate on his forehead. Compare this to Ephesians 6:17. What do these mean to you?

11. What was Moses to do when Aaron and his sons were clothed in these garments?

What does "anoint" mean to you? "Ordain"? "Consecrate"?

Why was Moses to do this?

Should we do the same for our ministers? Please explain.

12. What were the linen undergarments to cover?

Why do you think God wanted Moses to make linen undergarments?

Why were they to be made of linen?

What would happen if the priests did not wear these undergarments?

Read Ex 20:26 and Isaiah 47:3. What do these verses have to do with these undergarments?

When God says He will reveal our nakedness, what does He mean?

13. What has this chapter on the priests' clothes revealed to you, if anything, about Jesus?

About the way we are to approach worship?