

Exodus 28-29
Beautiful, Glorious Clothes!
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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

We are never more safe, never have more reason to expect the Lord's help, than when we are most sensible that we can do nothing without Him. – **John Newton**

II. What Was Israel being Taught?

A. The Priests Represented the People

Exodus 28:6–7, 9–12

⁶ “And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and of fine twined linen, skillfully worked. ⁷ It shall have two shoulder pieces attached to its two edges, so that it may be joined together. ... ⁹ You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth. ¹¹ As a jeweler engraves signets, *so shall you engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel*. You shall enclose them in settings of gold filigree. ¹² And you shall set the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as *stones of remembrance* for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall *bear their names before the Lord* on his two shoulders for *remembrance*.

Exodus 28:15–30

¹⁵ “You shall make a breastpiece of judgment, in skilled work. In the style of the ephod you shall make it—of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen shall you make it. ... ¹⁷ You shall set in it **four rows of stones**. ... They shall be set in gold filigree. ²¹ There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be like signets, each engraved with

its name, for the twelve tribes. ...²⁸ And they shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, so that it may lie on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, so that the breastpiece shall not come loose from the ephod.²⁹ So Aaron shall ***bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance*** before the Lord.³⁰ And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the *Urim* and the *Thummim*, and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the Lord. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the Lord regularly.

Key Idea #1

Through the mediation of the High Priest God was asked to remember His Holy Covenant with his precious people.

- B. The Priests Had to be Clothed with God's
Glory to be Qualified

Exodus 28:2

² And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, ***for glory and for beauty***.

Exodus 28:40

⁴⁰ "For Aaron's sons you shall make coats and sashes and caps. You shall make them ***for glory and beauty***.

Exodus 28:6

⁶ "And they shall make the ephod of ***gold***, of ***blue*** and ***purple*** and ***scarlet*** yarns, and of ***fine twined linen***, skillfully worked.

1. Their Lives Depended on Wearing these
Clothes

Exodus 28:33–35

...³³ On its hem you shall make pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, around its hem, with bells of gold between them,³⁴ a golden bell and a

pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, around the hem of the robe. ³⁵ And it shall be on Aaron when he ministers, *and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the Holy Place before the Lord*, and when he comes out, *so that he does not die*.

Exodus 28:42–43a

⁴² You shall make for them linen undergarments to cover their naked flesh. They shall reach from the hips to the thighs; ⁴³ and they shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they go into the tent of meeting or when they come near the altar to minister in the Holy Place, *lest they bear guilt and die*. . . .

2. Symbolic of Righteousness

Zechariah 3:3–4

³ Now **Joshua** was standing before the angel, *clothed with filthy garments*. ⁴ And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “*Remove the filthy garments from him*.” And to him he said, “*Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments*.”

Key Idea #2

The Priests has to be clothed with God’s glory before they were qualified to represent the people before God.

III. The Beautiful Clothes of Jesus

A. Jesus Represents His People

Hebrews 2:17

¹⁷ Therefore *he had to be made like his brothers* in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make *propitiation* for the sins of the people.

B. Jesus Had the Proper Clothes

Hebrews 7:26–28

²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no

need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

C. Jesus Gives Us His Clothes

Isaiah 61:10

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, *for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation*; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Revelation 19:7–8 (Cf. 1 Corinthians 15:10)

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; ⁸ *it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure*— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Romans 5:18–19

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the **one man's obedience** the many will be made righteous.

Key Idea

Jesus has the right “clothes” to present us to God, asking him to remember his promised favor; i.e. to give us his righteousness!