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Exodus 39 in the first 31 verses, these are god's words. Of the blue purple and scarlet thread. They made garments of ministry. For ministering in the holy place. And made the holy garments for Aaron. As Yahweh had commanded Moses. He made the effort of gold blue, purple and scarlet thread.

And define woven linen. And they beat the gold into thin sheets and cut it into threads. To work at the end with the blue purple and scarlet thread and the fine linen into artistic designs, They made shoulder straps for it to couple it together. That was coupled together at its two edges.

And the intricately woven band of his efit that was on it. Was of the same workmanship woven of gold. Blue, purple and scarlet thread. And a fine within linen. As yahweh had commanded moses. And they said, onyx stones and closed and settings of gold. They were engraved. As signets, are engraved with the names of the sons of israel.

He put them on the shoulders of the efet as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. As yahweh had commanded moses. And he made the breastplate artistically woven, like the workmanship of the ephet of gold, blue, purple and scarlet thread. And define women. They made the breastplate square by doubling it to spin, was its length.

And a span its width when doubled And they said it in four rows set in it. Four rows of stones, a row of the sardius, the topaz and an emerald. The first row. The second row, a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond. The third row adjacent than agate and an amethyst.

The fourth row, a barrel, and onyx, and a jasper. They were enclosed in settings of gold, in their mountings. There were 12 stones according to the 12 names of the sons of israel. According to their names in graved, like a signet. Each one with its own name. According to the 12 tribes.

And they made chains for the breastplate at the ends, like, braided cords, your gold They also made. To settings of gold and two gold rings. And put the two rings and the two ends of the breastplate. And they put the two braided chains of gold and the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

The two ends of the two braided chains, a fastened, in the two settings. And put them on the shoulder straps of the efit on the front. And they made two rings of gold and put them on, the two ends of the breastplate on the edge of it. Which was on the inward side of the effect.

They made two other gold rings and put them on the two shoulder straps. Underneath the aphid toward its front right at the seam above the integrantly wove and band of the aphid And they bound to the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the efit with a blue cord.

So that it would be above the intricately woven band of the effort. And that the breastplate would not come loose from the efit as yahweh had commanded. Moses. He made the robe of the efit of woven work, all of blue. And there was an opening in the middle of the robe like the opening in a coat of mail.

With a woven binding all around the openings that it would not tear. They made on the hem of the robe. Pomegranates of blue purple and scarlet. And a fine woven linen. And they made bells a pure gold. And put the bells between the pomegranates on the hem of the robe all around.

Between the pomegranates a bell, and a pomegranate, a bell, and a pomegranate, all around the hem of the robe to minister in. As yahweh. Had commanded. Moses. They made tunics artistic artistically live and a fine linen. For Aaron. And for his sons, a turban of fine linen. Exquisite, hats of fine, linen short, trousers of fine woven linen.

And a sash of fine. Weaven linen with blue purple and scarlet thread made by a weaver. As Yahweh had commanded moses. Then they made the plate of the holy crown. A pure gold. And wrote it. Wrote on it and inscription like the engraving of a signet. Holiness. To your And they tied to it a blue cord.

To fasten it above on the turban. As yahweh had commanded. Moses. So far the reading of god's inspired and inherent word. Rejoice to draw near to him. And hearing it, preached knowing that he adds. His blessing to it. The making of the garments is set apart here. From the making of the tabernacle and the furnishings of the tabernacle.

Remember, last lord's day and the end of chapter 38, we had the inventory of the collection and then he goes on to tell about the garments, we'll have a similar separation. Uh, when we get to Uh, when we get to the Uh, chapter 40.

I believe it's actually in next week's passage and versus 32 through 43 where The, the items are presented to moses. And in the presentation, To Moses, you have. The listing of everything else. And then at the, at the end, the garments of the ministry to minister and the holy place.

The holy garments. And so forth. He sets apart here, the Uh, the making of the garments themselves from the making of the other furnishing. And this. This get grabs our attention whenever the lord takes something. Out of order or he gives an interruption or something like that. In the bible interrupts the ordinary flow, we can see how he's using language, how he's using literature.

Uh, to highlight to call our attention to something. So even in the construction of the tabernacle itself and all of its furnishings, he calls our attention. In a unique way and a special way to the making of the garments for Aaron. Especially, and also, At the end. To the making of the garments for his sons.

As well. And there are several. Several aspects of the making of these garments. Uh, that Call our attention to something even beyond. What the lord had. Had taught us when we were looking. And considering the instructions. For making the garments that he gave to Moses on the mountain. Back in chapter 28.

And i think one of the first things that catches our attention and it catches our attention a little bit just by the sheer repetition of it is as yahweh had commanded moses. Uh, that is the first part of wisdom. Is the That god is god and we are not and the greatest wisdom for man is to obey god, And so god has given in great.

Specificity in great exactness and great detail. Uh, what is to be? How the tabernacle is to be constructed, even down to the garments that the high priest, especially and all the priests generally are to wear Uh, we serve A god. Who cares about specifics? Who cares about details and who has commanded us?

How we are to worship him? And it isn't just a multi-fold repetition. It's specifically a seven-fold repetition. Which in the use of language that god gave Uh, to israel, the use of language that God gave to the Hebrews, the language that we find in the bible, of course, the number seven.

There's a number of completeness and a number. Of divine completeness. And here now at the end of the construction of all that, the lord has given to his people. By which? To come to him. We have that great that first great wisdom obedience. When he says, as yahweh had commanded Moses and the people Would hear this, for?

For hundreds and almost a thousand years. Um, before they lost their Uh, their high priests and their temple and so forth. When they hear as Yahweh had commanded, Moses, an exodus 39. It's a little bit similar to when we hear lord's day by lord's day at At the table, when we read from first Corinthians 11, I delivered to you what i received from the lord.

That it is the commandments of god. That have. Given us the worship by which we come. And therefore, We have hope in the acceptability of the worship not in ourselves, and not even so much in our obedience of the commandments, but in the god, who has given us the worship that he has Commanded.

And so first there's wisdom from god's word. For worshipping him. There's also wisdom from god's world Uh, for worshipping him, one of the interesting things, whenever the lord gives you two passages. And he the one is a significant repetition of the other is whenever there is something new in.

In one or missing in one. It calls your attention to that and we have one such a current in verse three which doesn't have an equivalent back in chapter 28. This is something the egyptians were actually known for In the ancient Near East, the This technique. For cutting and rolling and creating, Then.

A. Uh, a string of gold thread of gold with appropriate flexibility and tensile strength. To be used in clothing. And so they made. Uh, thread, that was gold. Uh, some of you may have heard children's Nursery stories about such thing. But this is actual Uh, this is actual science and art history.

And god had given the egyptians as things, not just to, to satisfy the egyptian delight in themselves and and their felts superiority and greatness even to the point. Of thinking of the pharaoh and of The egyptian version of the high priest is incarnations of various gods and so forth.

But the great reason, this is given to the egyptians. And so that, when Now when bezel I and holy ab come out with the israelites they have wisdom from god's World. This of course, is the greatest use that. The. Making of gold into thread for weaving into clothing had ever been put to God has given us an entire world.

Uh full of things that he sustains and his ordinary providence and causes them to behave in predictable ways, repeatable ways, so that we can learn So that we can learn. About his world and from his world and put that learning to service in or put that learning to work and service and obedient.

Of god. For instance. When God gives his congregation. To sing. Uh the word of god, it's good for you to make study of singing and study of singing together. Uh, and It would not be a bad thing for us to have. Uh, for instance, some sort of Enriching study, that that someone provided for a bunch of us to study together because that god has given us that singing of his word together as a part.

Of worship. It's good to study the composition. Of sermons and speech. It's good to study for yourself. The right nutrition and the right sleep to get And to learn and know and understand how you do best and following along in prayer and what will help your children to worship better.

And you know, some hints on that and that line are it should not be the only time in the week that they sit to worship god for an extended period of time. It is very helpful to them. If you know the passages in advance, if you have spent time together in those passages, as a family, And they are prepared.

In their ability and and so forth. But wisdom from god's world. Craftsmanship. In service. Of god. And then there's wisdom. To depend upon god's working, it would have been quite the frightful thing. To be the high priest. Especially when You imagine Aaron is. Uh would have a vested interest as bezel and holyab and whoever the particular craftsman were on the different aspects of his garment we're working and he would be very curious and you know, double checking with Moses about these specific things that were commanded and Aaron was going to have to wear this thing.

Aaron was going to have to stand. Before the intense consecrate concentrated, communication of the presence of all mighty. Glorious. Holy god. Uh, is a sort of thing that the last time. There was something like it. They were at the base of the mountain. God had just made great. Glorious display of himself and the whole rest of the nation of israel said, we've got an idea, moses You should go near all by yourself and just come back and let us know what he said.

And yet. For Aaron as these things were made and it was independence upon God's word and he would realize that that god was giving these men. Skill in putting together. The garments and Aaron is learning from Moses. Not only What? Uh, what he should wear, but what he should do and all of this, he would be learning a very important.

Very important discipline of mind and heart which we are calling here. Spiritual wisdom. And that is wisdom to depend upon god to trust him that what he says to do works. To know that we will come near god when we come near in the way that he says and that we will be safe and that we will be blessed and that god will be honored.

These are things that it's hard for us to believe the more we know ourselves and the more we know god, That we will come near god that we can do so safely. That the living god who has seraphim angels, who when when we have, you know, physical representation of them.

They're a little just flame beings. That's what seraphim means, burning ones. You know, you just seraphim and cheramine, he has the souls of the just already perfected in that glorious assembly. The assembly of the firstborn, the zion to which we come hebrews 12 and yet, He will be glorified by our worship.

That the lord is going to be magnified. By our. Uh, gathering and sitting and reading and hearing and praying and hearing breach. And, and the supper, Um and then not only will he be glorified, but he will do us good, we will be safe in his presence. And there's a spiritual wisdom.

Of trusting that god will use his means. And he will use them. Uh, he will use them to accomplish the ends that he has declared. Uh, but then Wisdom in the fourth place, the final place to delight in god's worship. To value him above everything else. And finally, now we get to thinking about all of that goal.

This, this outfit was Literally worth a fortune and it wasn't just gold. He had the engraved onyx stones on his shoulder and then he had this breast pouch that was About that big. And it had the The four rows of three joules. Uh, in just imagine how big each of the jewels was, because Uh, it had to be big enough.

Each instance of these joules had to be big enough to have one of the names inscribed upon it. Um, you know, it looked like Yeah, he would have looked like Smugs treasure, treasure horde, treasure trove had just covered him. Head to toe, never was any potentate, you know, despite what you may have seen, Charles of england and what a dreadful name to To take up again after 370 years, that we got.

Charles the third, the first two didn't work out too great for Presbyterians or anybody. But not yet despite the the garish outfit that we got to see him in. For his coronation even, he was not dressed like Aaron and all of the gold and all of the jewels and all of the treasure But this wasn't a king.

This is the servant of the king. This is the guy who comes near and Applies, the blood. Uh, he serves the tent of the king. It is as when shiba visited Solomon. And she was astonished at the greatness of solomon, and one of the things that had said, took her breath away.

Was the outfits of his table servants. And here. We see the greatness of the one. Who cares? For gold. And Uh, topaz turquoise sapphire, diamond, jason agate amethyst barrel on etc. By comparison to god, these are nothing. You wear them. To enter the presence. Of the one who himself is the great treasure.

And you realize how he has treasured you That he would clothe you in these things, not that you would get to have. The gold and the jewels. But that you would get to have a garment from god. In which you could enter the presence of god. That's what gave these these jewels and the gold, they're real value.

As Aaron could come near and in air, in the people of god come near represented, In their priest. But of course, you know, The wisdom from god's word. The obedience. Christ is the wisdom of god. He is the way we come near. Yes, there are specific things that we must do in worship because he's commanded it, and we must not do anything else in worship because he alone and commands with the worshipers.

But isn't this what his word is? A whole has taught us That all of these things that he has commanded very specifically come to god through the lord jesus christ. And this is why we love to come in this way because this is the way he's given us to come.

Christ is the one who gives us of his spirit, his spirit who hovered over the waters at the beginning. His spirit who gives life and breath to all his spirit gives us all wisdom. Even kids. When you're studying your math or your science and in your schooling, There's no wisdom.

There's no knowledge. Understanding of this world that comes accept by god, the holy spirit giving it to you. And what do you think the holy spirit wants you to do? With the wisdom that he gives you. Is it not to serve the lord? Jesus christ to serve god in union with his son.

The lord jesus christ. And then, especially For public or something for family worship. Many of you children have. Caught on that reading the bible is a good thing or praying is a good thing. Singing, god's word is a good thing. You're excited for mom and dad to see the You are really.

Worshiping god. And And, you know, the delight that comes to a dad or mom's heart, when his little girl, or a little boy is excited to To show them that they're growing. In that. Well. You offer

that? To god in his son, jesus christ. This is his plan for everyone who he's saving, says why he saves is to make people into worshipers.

Not just to get them out of pain. Although there will be great pain in hell. Let's to make them into worshipers. And if you learned that, That the great thing is not even your salvation. But that you would worship god and that. That's why he's saving you. Then you can be ahead of Any.

Elders are ministers who stand on the floor of Court of christ's church and make arguments about things and say, well, this isn't a salvation issue. Well. Salvation issues are very small. But comparison to glory of god issues. Because that's why he's saving people in the first place. And you trust him.

You trust him that he'll use his means? If you feel small and weak and sinful, And you think that as you get to be an older boy or older, girl, or you get to be a man or woman or you walked with god for many decades. Or if you're a minister, the gospel that sometimes in this life you're going to stop being small and weak and sinful, you are mistaken.

And yet, the god, who has begun, the work in us, will finish the work. And we use his means. Just like, Just like Aaron was. Was very interested in all of the things that god was going to use. And he had to trust that god would really bring him near and god would really use in that way.

And that god would really be honored and god would really work in his people. Uh, you Study and learn What god wants us to do. And trust him. He will really do the work that he has said and he will complete it, have that spiritual wisdom. To depend. Upon the lord in jesus christ.

God who chose us in the sun and accomplishes the redemption by his son and is applying his son to us as our redemption by his spirit is not going to fail to complete the work that that he purposed outside of time and has secured at the cross. At the climax.

Of time. He will do it. And then finally realize, God is bringing you to himself in jesus christ. Not so that you can have a bunch of other pleasures that Uh, that people with With that kind of power and righteousness, and merit deserve. But so that you can have god himself.

In jesus christ. He is the one. Who has dressed us in his son. So that we may have him. Both the lord jesus. And the father, Who is the joy and pleasure and inheritance of the lord jesus from all eternity is, as God the son and even the spirit Who is with us and dwells in us.

Even. As there is the fellowship of the godhead himself. Christ. Christ is the wisdom of god. For the worship of god. The treasuring of thought forever. And as we think about whatever has value to us, This is the great value. That. By use of it. We may be united to christ and have god.

In him. Let's break.

Father, we thank you. For these amazing. Garments and techniques. Things that you did for your people. Even just a shadow. Even just a Infantile picture. Of a reality that was coming in, jesus. We thank you and praise you that the reality has come. We pray. O, lord for your help because we have difficulty Wrapping our minds around what you have done.

And yet, we rest upon you. To do the work by your spirit. Please write the truth of your word on our hearts. And give us to rest in you and rejoice in you through jesus christ in his name. We ask it. Amen.