

“Holy Garments for Glory and Beauty–Do You See the Heart of Christ?”

Why do we need a mediator? Who are you trusting to be the mediator between you and the Lord God Almighty? *What was God’s original (creation) design for humanity’s interaction with Him?*

The Priesthood (v. 1)

- + Priests serve as a Mediator between Holy God and sinful people
- + A priest must be chosen and called by God Himself (Heb. 5:4)
- + They are to represent the people to God and God to the people
- + There were many priests who served before the Lord in the tabernacle, but only one High Priest
- + Aaron, Moses’ brother, and his sons with him were chosen and called by God
- + From among the people of Israel
- + But distinct from the people (vv. 2 & 41)
- + **Heb. 5:1-4**

† We have a better, Great High Priest, Jesus Christ! **Heb. 7:23-27**

The special Garments (vv. 2-5)

- ◆ Holy/set apart
- ◆ for glory and beauty (vv. 2 & 40)
- ◆ God’s Spirit giving skill for this creative work
- ◆ do you notice anything special about the fabric?

† Do we have anything special to wear today?

† Have you been clothed with the righteousness of Jesus? See Zech. 3:3-5

† Will we “put on” Christlikeness (*see* Col. 3:12-14)?

The Ephod (vv. 6-14)

- ◆ two engraved onyx stones on the shoulders

† These are “stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel”

† Who bears our names before the LORD?

The breastpiece of judgment (vv. 15-30)

- ◆ twelve precious gemstones set in gold

† The names of God’s people are “on his heart”

† Who bears our judgment before the LORD?

The robe and its adorned hem (vv. 31-35)

- ◆ pomegranates and golden bells

† symbols and sounds

The turban with its engraved plate of pure gold (vv. 36-38)

- ◆ “Holy to the LORD” on the High Priest’s forehead
- ◆ Aaron “shall bear any guilt” from Israel’s worship

† Exalt Jesus Christ as the perfectly holy and blameless One!

† Who makes our worship acceptable?

The tunic and sash (v. 39), the linen undergarments (vv. 42-43)

- ◆ covered, “lest they bear guilt and die”

† Do we ever consider the danger of approaching God?

Anointed, ordained, and consecrated (v. 41)

What is the primary message of the priests?

What important truth does this passage teach us about God and the blessings or benefits of salvation?

Do you see Jesus as the only Mediator between God and us?

Have you grasped God’s amazing promise to take away our dirty clothes and give us clean ones?

Do we see the beauty of holiness and pursue it ourselves?

So what now?

1. Christ is our Great High Priest, praise the Lord! See His holiness and heart!
2. Because of Him, we also are made as holy priests to God (see 1 Pt. 2:5; Rev. 1:6; cf. Ex. 19:5-6); are we living like this?
3. Are you daily putting off and putting on; do you reflect the heart of Christ in your life?
4. Are you resting in the perfect holiness and righteousness of Jesus Christ?