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Godliness and Service attitude

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is good, acceptable, and perfect.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it for the glory of God.

Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do, say or do, give thanks to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus.

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let others look down on you when you are young, but always be an example to believers in words, deeds, love, faith, and purity.

Philippians 2:5-8

Have this mind in you which was in Christ Jesus.

These scriptures remind us to seek God's will in godliness and service, to love God and others, to behave with humility, love, patience and gentleness, to follow the example of Christ Jesus, and to entrust our counsel to god. When we live according to these biblical teachings, our godliness and service will be manifested in our daily life.

May we pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We sincerely pray to you, thank you for the grace that you give us in life and every day. Please grant us a godly and serving attitude, let us be full of awe and gratitude for your love and truth.

Grant us a humble heart to submit to your will and serve you and others with kindness, love and respect. Let our lives be a glory and a witness to you, with acts of light to influence and change our surroundings.

Please guide us to follow your will in our lives and let your path be our guide. Show your love and compassion by helping us to treat others with kindness and forgiveness. Grant us the wisdom and perseverance to overcome life's challenges and learn to grow from them.

We ask you to strengthen our faith so that we can stand firm in the face of difficulty, knowing that you are with us. Help us to be with your Holy Spirit and fill our lives with your strength and wisdom.

Please guide us to maintain firm faith in the face of difficulties and challenges, and to face each day with a grateful heart. Let us worship you in joy, look up to you in sorrow, and trust you to lead us no matter the circumstances.

Lord, please bless our family, friends and community. May we be each other's supporters and comforters, helping each other in love to reveal your glory.

Please give us wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we can correctly distinguish right from wrong and choose justice and truth. In our actions and words, may your love and mercy be shown so that we may be willing people to support each other.

Our prayers go out to people all over the world, especially those in distress and hardship. Show them your love and mercy and give them strength and hope.

Lord, please protect us so that we can love each other and build a peaceful and harmonious community together under your loving protection. May your glory and grace be with us forever

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

## Exodus Chapter 28

Ex. 28:1 "Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so that they may serve me as priests.

Ex. 28:2 Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron, to give him dignity and honour.

Ex. 28:3 Tell all the skilled men to whom I have given wisdom in such matters that they are to make garments for Aaron, for his consecration, so that he may serve me as priest.

Ex. 28:4 These are the garments they are to make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban and a sash. They are to make these sacred garments for your brother Aaron and his sons, so that they may serve me as priests.

Ex. 28:5 Make them use gold, and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and fine linen.

Ex. 28:6 “Make the ephod of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen — the work of a skilled craftsman.

Ex. 28:7 It is to have two shoulder pieces attached to two of its corners, so that it can be fastened.

Ex. 28:8 Its skilfully woven waistband is to be like it — of one piece with the ephod and made with gold, and with blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and with finely twisted linen.

Ex. 28:9 “Take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel

Ex. 28:10 in the order of their birth — six names on one stone and the remaining six on the other.

Ex. 28:11 Engrave the names of the sons of Israel on the two stones the way a gem cutter engraves a seal. Then mount the stones in gold filigree settings

Ex. 28:12 and fasten them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. Aaron is to bear the names on his shoulders as a memorial before the LORD.

Ex. 28:13 Make gold filigree settings

Ex. 28:14 and two braided chains of pure gold, like a rope, and attach the chains to the settings.

Ex. 28:15 “Fashion a breastpiece for making decisions — the work of a skilled craftsman. Make it like the ephod: of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen.

Ex. 28:16 It is to be square — a span long and a span wide — and folded double.

Ex. 28:17 Then mount four rows of precious stones on it. In the first row there shall be a ruby, a topaz and a beryl;

Ex. 28:18 in the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and an emerald;

Ex. 28:19 in the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;

Ex. 28:20 in the fourth row a chrysolite, an onyx and a jasper. Mount them in gold filigree settings.

Ex. 28:21 There are to be twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes.

Ex. 28:22 “For the breastpiece make braided chains of pure gold, like a rope.

Ex. 28:23 Make two gold rings for it and fasten them to two corners of the breastpiece.

Ex. 28:24 Fasten the two gold chains to the rings at the corners of the breastpiece,

Ex. 28:25 and the other ends of the chains to the two settings, attaching them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front.

Ex. 28:26 Make two gold rings and attach them to the other two corners of the breastpiece on the inside edge next to the ephod.

Ex. 28:27 Make two more gold rings and attach them to the bottom of

the shoulder pieces on the front of the ephod, close to the seam just above the waistband of the ephod.

Ex. 28:28 The rings of the breastpiece are to be tied to the rings of the ephod with blue cord, connecting it to the waistband, so that the breastpiece will not swing out from the ephod.

Ex. 28:29 “Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD.

Ex. 28:30 Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron’s heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD.

Ex. 28:31 “Make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue cloth,

Ex. 28:32 with an opening for the head in its centre. There shall be a woven edge like a collar around this opening, so that it will not tear.

Ex. 28:33 Make pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn around the hem of the robe, with gold bells between them.

Ex. 28:34 The gold bells and the pomegranates are to alternate around the hem of the robe.

Ex. 28:35 Aaron must wear it when he ministers. The sound of the bells will be heard when he enters the Holy Place before the LORD and when he comes out, so that he will not die.

Ex. 28:36 “Make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD.

Ex. 28:37 Fasten a blue cord to it to attach it to the turban; it is to be on the front of the turban.

Ex. 28:38 It will be on Aaron's forehead, and he will bear the guilt involved in the sacred gifts the Israelites consecrate, whatever their gifts may be. It will be on Aaron's forehead continually so that they will be acceptable to the LORD.

Ex. 28:39 "Weave the tunic of fine linen and make the turban of fine linen. The sash is to be the work of an embroiderer.

Ex. 28:40 Make tunics, sashes and headbands for Aaron's sons, to give them dignity and honour.

Ex. 28:41 After you put these clothes on your brother Aaron and his sons, anoint and ordain them. Consecrate them so they may serve me as priests.

Ex. 28:42 "Make linen undergarments as a covering for the body, reaching from the waist to the thigh.

Ex. 28:43 Aaron and his sons must wear them whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting or approach the altar to minister in the Holy Place, so that they will not incur guilt and die. "This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants

Exodus chapter 28 details the garments to be worn by the priests while serving in the tabernacle. The high priest's garments are to be made of fine linen and include a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a turban, and a sash. The breastpiece is to contain twelve precious stones, each representing one of the twelve tribes of Israel. The ephod is to be made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen. The chapter also describes the garments to be worn by the other priests, which include tunics, sashes, and caps. These garments are to be made of linen. The priests are to wear these garments when they minister in the tabernacle or approach the altar to minister to the Lord.

what are the key verses Chapter 28 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 28 provides instructions for the design and construction of the priestly garments.

The key verses are:

1. "And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty" (Exodus 28:2): This verse highlights the importance of creating beautiful and holy garments for Aaron, the high priest, to wear during his priestly duties.
2. "You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, 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" (Exodus 28:9-10): This verse describes the instructions for creating the breastpiece, a garment that would hold twelve precious stones, each representing one of the twelve tribes of Israel.
3. "And you shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, 'Holy to the LORD'" (Exodus 28:36): This verse describes the creation of a gold plate to be worn on the high priest's turban, inscribed with the words "Holy to the Lord" as a reminder of the priest's sacred duties.
4. "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" (Exodus 28:29): This verse emphasizes the significance of the priestly garments, as Aaron wears them to represent and remember the people of Israel before God.

Overall, Exodus chapter 28 highlights the importance of creating beautiful and holy garments for the priests to wear during their duties, as well as the significance of these garments in representing the people of Israel before God.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 28:

Exodus chapter 28 continues the detailed instructions given by God to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle. In this chapter, God provides specific instructions for the priestly garments, which were to be worn by Aaron, the high priest, and his sons.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the significance and symbolism of the priestly garments. The garments were designed to be beautiful and intricately made, reflecting the holiness and dignity of the priesthood. Each piece of clothing, from the ephod and breastpiece to the turban and sash, carried deep spiritual meanings and served as a visual representation of the priest's role as a mediator between God and the people.

The chapter describes the materials to be used in the garments, including fine linen, gold, and precious stones. The colors and designs were carefully chosen and represented various aspects of God's character and the priest's role. For example, the breastpiece contained twelve precious

stones, each representing one of the twelve tribes of Israel, symbolizing the priest's responsibility to carry the people on his heart before God.

Another significant aspect of this chapter is the anointing and consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests. The garments were not merely ceremonial attire; they represented a divine calling and an anointing for a sacred role. The anointing oil was to be poured over Aaron's head, setting him apart as the high priest and indicating God's choice and empowerment for the task at hand.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 28, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of our identity as priests and representatives of God. In the New Testament, believers are called a "royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9), and we are called to carry the presence of God and minister to others. The priestly garments serve as a reminder that we are called to a holy calling and should conduct ourselves accordingly.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the significance of our role as mediators and intercessors. Just as the priestly garments symbolized the priest's role in carrying the people on his heart before God, we are called to intercede for others, lifting them up in prayer and representing them before the Lord. Our prayers and intercession can make a difference in the lives of those we lift before God.

Furthermore, the anointing of Aaron and his sons reminds us of the empowerment and equipping we receive through the Holy Spirit. As believers, we have been anointed and filled with the Spirit to carry out God's work in the world. The garments of the high priest serve as a reminder of the anointing and authority we have been given to serve God and make Him known.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 28 highlights the significance and symbolism of the priestly garments. It calls us to recognize our identity as priests and representatives of God, to fulfill our role as mediators and intercessors, and to walk in the anointing and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. By reflecting on these lessons, we can embrace our calling, intercede for others, and serve as ambassadors of God's love and grace in the world.