

Christ In The Old Testament
“The Perfect Priest”
Exodus 35:19; 28:1-43

Introduction:

1. Tonight:
 - We Are Going To:
 - Exodus 35 - One More Time:
 - As We Look At Christ:
 - Through The Old Testament Tabernacle!
 - Because - In That Chapter:
 - We Find An Outline:
 - Of All The Different Articles:
 - Of The Tabernacle:
 - Which - In One Way Or Another:
 - Is A Picture Of:
 - Our Lord Jesus Christ!
2. So - To Review:
 - From 35:11 - We Learned How:
 - “The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets!”
 - All Pointed To The Two-Fold Nature:
 - Of Christ - As Both:
 - God And Man!
 - From 35:12 - We Looked At:
 - “The ark, and the staves thereof, with the mercy seat!”
 - And How They Were A Glorious Picture:
 - Of Christ - As:
 - The Greatest Treasure:
 - In The Whole World!
 - From 35:13 - We Looked At:
 - “The table, and his staves, and all his vessels, and the shewbread!”
 - And How This “Table Of Shewbread” Was An Illustration:
 - Of Christ - And How He Is:
 - The Ultimate Connection:
 - Between Heaven And Earth!
 - From 35:14 - We Looked At:
 - “The candlestick also for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light!”
 - So - From This Golden Menorah - We Learned:
 - How Christ & Christians Are:
 - “The Light Of The World!”
 - From 35:15 - We Looked At:
 - “And the incense altar, and his staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense!”
 - And - This Golden Altar Depicted:
 - Christ - And His Ongoing Ministry:
 - Of Intercession For His People!
 - From 35:16 - We Looked At:
 - “The altar of burnt offering, with his brasen grate, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot!”
 - And - These Two Articles:
 - Reveal That Christ Is:
 - The Only One Who Can:
 - Pay For Our Sins!
 - And - Christ Is:
 - The Only One Who Can:
 - Purify Us From Our Sins!
 - From 35:17-18 - Which We Looked At Last Sunday:
 - “The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court, / The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords!”

- All Of These Articles:
 - Teach Us That Christ Is:
 - Both The Exclusive Enclosure:
 - For God's People!
 - As Well As:
 - The Exclusive Entrance:
 - Into His Fold!
 - Because - Jesus:
 - Is "The Only Way!"

3. Well - Tonight:

- From 35:19 - We Can See Christ:
 - Even In:
 - "The cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office!"
 - And - When It Comes To:
 - These "Cloths Of Service" For:
 - The Priesthood Of Aaron & His Sons:
 - There Are More Words Used:
 - To Describe These Articles Of Clothing:
 - Than Anything Else That We've Looked At!
 - In Fact - An Entire Chapter:
 - Is Devoted To Their Description!
 - Exodus 28!
 - And So - To Hopefully Help Us:
 - To Get An Even Better Understanding:
 - Of These Garments - We Are Going To Watch:
 - A Video - That Traces The Words Of Exodus 28 - And Illustrate For Us:
 - What We Are Reading!
 - So - Let's Learn More About:
 - Aaron & His Sons:
 - "Cloths Of Service!" * Play Video *

4. According To Hebrews 3:1:

- As Christians - We Are To:
 - "Consider The Apostle And High Priest Of Our Profession, Christ Jesus: Who Was Faithful To Him That Appointed Him!"
- And - There Are Several Things:
 - From This Chapter:
 - That We Just Went Through:
 - That Can Point Us To:
 - Christ - And Help Us "Consider Him" As:
 - Our Great High Priest!
 - And - First - From The Selection Of The Priests:
 - As Found In 28:1-3 - We Can See:

1. ***The Great Separation Of Christ!***

- In The Tabernacle:
 - Only Aaron & His Sons:
 - Were Allowed To:
 - "Minister" Unto God:
 - "In The Priests' Office!" (28:1)
 - And So - Even Their Clothes:
 - Were To Be Distinct & Holy - To:
 - Separate Them From:
 - The Rest Of The People!
- Even So - Christ:
 - As Our Great High Priest:
 - Of Which Aaron & His Priesthood:
 - Was Only A Limited Type!

- He Was Holy & Separate:
 - From Us - So That:
 - He Might Save Us From Our Sins!
- This Is Pointed Out To Us:
 - Also In Hebrews:
 - 7:26 - Where We Are Told:
 - “For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens!”
- Because Of The Separation Of Christ:
 - As Our Great High Priest:
 - He Is Able To:
 - Be Our Mediator - Who:
 - Not Only Represents:
 - Us Before God!
 - He Also Represents:
 - God To Us - Perfectly!
 - Also - From 28:2 - We Can See:

2. ***The Great Significance Of Christ!***

- In The Tabernacle:
 - The Holy Garments:
 - That Would Be Made For Aaron:
 - Were - “For Glory And For Beauty!”
 - “Glory” Here - Describes:
 - Something That Is:
 - An Expression Of:
 - Something On The Inside!
 - Even Goodness Of Character And Nature!
 - “Beauty” - Describes:
 - Something That Is:
 - Excellent - And Appealing:
 - On The Outside!
 - And - These Garments:
 - Made For The High Priest:
 - Were To Be Made Of:
 - The Best Materials! And:
 - Made Into:
 - The Best Apparel!
- Even So - Christ:
 - As Our Great Priest:
 - Came - Not Only:
 - “For Glory & For Beauty!”
 - He Came - In His Own:
 - Glory & Beauty!
 - In Hebrews 9:11-14:
 - We Are Told That - “Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; / Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. / For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: / How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”
 - So - Christ Did Not Need:
 - To Be Clothed With Earthly Garments:
 - To Display - “Glory & Beauty!”
 - He Was & Is:
 - Full Of Glory & Beauty:
 - In And Of Himself!

- And - That's What Makes Him:
- So Significant & Special!

* In The Garments Themselves:

- Which Included 6 Different Pieces:
- We Can See:

3. *The Great Service Of Christ!*

- Upon The Shoulders:
 - Of The High Priest:
 - There Were Those Two:
 - Onyx Stones - On Which Were Engraved:
 - The Names Of The Twelve Tribes Of Israel!
 - And - According To:
 - 28:12 - They Were To Be:
 - "Stones Of Memorial Unto The Children Of Israel!" - And:
 - "Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial!"
 - From This - We Get A Picture Of:
 - Christ - And His Association:
 - With His People!
 - He Is Always Connected:
 - To Those Who Come To & Believe In Him!
 - And - He Will Never Forget Or Forsake You - In His:
 - Service For You!
 - But Then:
- Upon The Chest:
 - Of The High Priest:
 - There Was A Breastplate:
 - Made Up Of The Finest Fabric & Most Precious Stones:
 - Upon Which Were Also Engraved The Names:
 - Of The Twelve Tribes Of Israel!
 - And - According To:
 - 28:15 - It Was Called:
 - The "Breastplate Of Judgment!"
 - And - From 28:29:
 - "And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually!"
 - And So - Even:
 - From This - We Get A Picture Of:
 - Christ - And His Affection:
 - For His People!
 - Because - He Loves You:
 - You Will Forever Be Close To His Heart!
 - As Paul Reminds Us:
 - In Romans 8:35-39 - "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? / As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. / Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. / For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, / Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!"
 - But - Then Also:
 - Upon The Forehead:
 - Of The High Priest:
 - Was A Golden Plate:
 - Engraved With The Words:
 - 28:36 - "Holiness To The Lord!"

- And - The Reason For This:
 - Is Given In:
 - 28:38 - “And it shall be upon Aaron’s forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD!”
- From This - We Get A Picture Of:
 - Christ - And His Acceptance:
 - By God - For His People!
 - Because - As John Gill:
 - Once Pointed Out:
 - “There Is Sin In the Best Performances of The Saints!” – But – “Now Christ, Our High Priest, Bears And Takes (Even) These!”
- This Is The Kind Of Service:
 - Jesus Christ - As Our Great High Priest:
 - Performs On Behalf Of:
 - His People!

Conclusion:

1. Now - Even Though:
 - There Is Much We Can Learn:
 - About Christ:
 - From These Articles Of Clothing!
 - We Need To Remember:
 - That They Were Still:
 - Real Articles Of Clothing!
2. And Even Though:
 - There Are All Kinds Of:
 - Artistic Renditions:
 - Of What They Might Have Looked Like!
 - There Is One Article:
 - That We Now Have:
 - That Can Give Us An Even Greater Glimpse:
 - Into The “Glory & Beauty” That:
 - They Were Meant To Display!
3. In 28:33 - We Are Told Of:
 - “Bells Of Gold” That Were To Be:
 - Sewn Into The “Robe Of The Ephod!”
 - The Middle Garment Of The High Priest:
 - That Extended Below The Ephod:
 - To The Ankles Of The Priest!
 - And - According To:
 - 28:34-35 - There Was To Be:
 - “A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. / And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not!”
 - Well - In 2011 - Archaeologists:
 - For The “City Of David” Organization:
 - In The Heart Of Jerusalem:
 - Found One Of Those Bells!
 - And - After 2,000 Years:
 - Of Silence:
 - The Sound Of Those Bells:
 - Can Be Heard Once Again!
 - 4. And So - As We Finish Tonight:
 - Let Us Hear From:
 - The Archaeologist Himself:
 - Who Found This Remarkable Article!

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- Remember Tonight:

- That Jesus Christ Is:

- Our Perfect High Priest!

- And - As We Are Told In:

- Hebrews 4:14-16 - "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. / For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. / Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need!"

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