

The Priestly Garments – Part 2
Exodus 28:31-43
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Main Point:

Jesus has given you the special clothes needed to enter God's holy presence; therefore, rejoice in the garments of your salvation.

1. You need special clothes to be able to enter God's presence.
2. Sadly, you don't own a pair of these special clothes yourself.
3. Jesus does have these special clothes and has gladly given them to you.

Romans 3:10-12 ¹⁰ As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "We are covered with the excrement of our depravity. Our pride, our lust, and our greed – our self-indulgence, self-advancement, and self-pity – these sins are filthy in God's sight. Indeed, they are a stench to his holy nostrils."

Hebrews 7:26 ²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who* is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; (NKJV)

Hebrews 9:24 ²⁴ For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; (NKJV)

Philippians 3:8-9 ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 5:21 ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NKJV)

Isaiah 61:10 ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness ... (NKJV)

The High Priest's Holy Garments

The illustration depicts the holy garments worn by the high priests (Exodus 28; 39).

The *turban* of fine linen held a plate of pure shining gold, on which were engraved the Hebrew words for "Holy to YHWH."

The *ephod* (a colorful linen torso garment held by a skillfully woven waistband) had two shoulder pieces, each holding an onyx stone. The names of the 12 sons of Israel were engraved on these two stones. The cloth *breastpiece of judgment* had four rows, each with three precious stones. Each of these stones had engraved upon it the name of one of the tribes of Israel. The breastpiece also contained the Urim and the Thummim, and was attached to the ephod by gold chains and rings. The blue *robe* was worn under the ephod (Lev. 8:7–8); colorful imitation pomegranates lined the hem of the robe, alternating with golden bells. The white *coat* or tunic of checkered weave and fine linen was probably held by the embroidered sash under the robe.

