

Sermon Notes

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15 “Fashion a breastpiece for making decisions—the work of skilled hands. Make it like the ephod: of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen. 16 It is to be square—a span long and a span wide—and folded double. 17 Then mount four rows of precious stones on it. The first row shall be carnelian, chrysolite and beryl; 18 the second row shall be turquoise, lapis lazuli and emerald; 19 the third row shall be jacinth, agate and amethyst; 20 the fourth row shall be topaz, onyx and jasper. Mount them in gold filigree settings. 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.

22 “For the breastpiece make braided chains of pure gold, like a rope. 23 Make two gold rings for it and fasten them to two corners of the breastpiece. 24 Fasten the two gold chains to the rings at the corners of the breastpiece, 25 and the other ends of the chains to the two settings, attaching them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front. 26 Make two gold rings and attach them to the other two corners of the breastpiece on the inside edge next to the ephod. 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. 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.

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. 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. Exodus 28:15-30

1. Breastpiece for making decisions:

A _____.

The priest comes before God and seeks direction.

2. Materials:

The exact same language and material as we would find in regards to the 1st covering, the inner curtain, and the ephod.

Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim woven into them by a skilled worker. Exodus 26:1

“Make a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim woven into it by a skilled worker. Exodus 26:31

Tell all the skilled workers to whom I have given wisdom in such matters that they are to make garments for Aaron, . . . ⁵ Have them use gold, and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and fine linen. Exodus 28:3&5

Make it like the ephod: of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen Exodus 28:15

3. Design:

Span - to _____ or to _____.

Some of the stones have no direct translation.

4. Attachment:

The contrast between _____ and _____.

It is to be held close to the heart so that it doesn't swing out.

5. Urim and Thummim:

The words mean _____ and _____.

Matters of war, legal dispute, or some other serious national concern, whichever one he pulled out, determined the answer.

Theophanies, Christophanies, and Typologies

1. The breastpiece holds together the precious stones with the names of each tribe of Israel.

One of Jesus' desires is that we would be brought back together not only with _____ but with _____.

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. John 17:11

2. The heart and shoulders represent 2 different images.

Where shoulders are connected to a burden, the heart is connected to something more relational and special. The heart symbolizes _____, _____ and _____.

¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. John 17:12

Life

How do we draw near, or maybe even why do we draw near?

Keep the main thing the main thing: Pursue _____ instead of _____.

Why do you want to make the right decision?

Wanting to honor Him, or because you think by doing God's will, your life will get better or easier

God is not a tool we use to have an easier life. God doesn't exist for our benefit but we exist for His benefit.

Inventory of what God has given us to determine His will

The _____.

The _____.

_____.

_____.

Sometimes there isn't clarity because this is a life of _____.