

Sermon Reflections

Work Clothes– Exodus 28

Summary: The more you look to Christ as your mediator, the more you will be assured of your salvation.

Find Assurance in Christ, Because...

1. Your Priest Represents You Before God (Exodus 28:1-30)

- Why were the high priest's clothes significant?
 - Consider the colors of the priest's clothes in comparison with the colors in the tabernacle. What does this say about the priest and God's people?
- The twelve stones in the breastplate had the individual names of the tribes of Israel on them. We know that God saves individuals. He knows you by name. Why is this important? Does this bring you comfort or concern?
- In verse 30, the Urim and the Thummim were used by God to reveal His insight and will. How does God reveal His will to us today?
 - Are you spending time in God's word to understand His will for you? What are some ways that we can come along side each other to better understand His will for your life?
- We need a representative, not in model, but where God dwells in heaven. Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father and intercedes for all who call Him by name. You don't need anything else!
 - When you are going through trials, what are you looking to for comfort? Where should your focus be?

2. Your Priest Protects You Before God (Exodus 28:31-43)

- In verses 36-38 we see the plate on the turban which says "Holy to the Lord"
 - Why is the headband/plate important for Israel?
 - How does Jesus represent us in this way?
- Verses 40-43 focus on the garments of all of the priests, not just the high priest. We see that they wear special undergarments to hide their nakedness. What is the significance of this "holy underwear?"
 - How is this different than other religions of the day?
 - Our shame is real, but can be covered by a priest that comes and stands in our place. Our priest already bore the penalty and He is alive, interceding for us in heaven. How can we regularly encourage each other in this truth?