

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #91

“Dressing in Style” -- Exodus 28:31-43

I. Introduction

- A. How do we feel when we are wearing the wrong attire for the occasion?
 - 1. Pastor Don and the pulpit robe.
- B. The high priests of the Old Testament wore very special clothing.
 - 1. What we have learned this far:
 - a. He wore the Ephod with the twelve stones.
 - b. He wore the “Breastpiece of Decision.”
 - 2. Today we learn about the robe.
- C. Reading of the text: Exodus 28:31-43

II. Exposition

- A. Exodus 28:31-35
 - 1. Also note Leviticus 8:7
 - 2. A beautiful garment – blue or violet, similar to the entrance curtain of the tabernacle and the veil.
 - 3. Like a poncho
 - 4. Fringed with bells and pomegranates.
- B. Exodus 28: 36-38
 - 1. The turban
 - 2. Josephus, the Jewish historian notes...
 - 3. Most important part was the plate or crown engraved with H_____ to the L_____.
 - 4. It was only positioned on the forehead.
- C. Exodus 28:39-41
 - 1. The tunic
 - a. Long sleeves and extended to the ground.
 - b. Similar to other priests, but different in the sense of holiness – Only the High Priest wore the crown “Holy to the Lord.”
- D. Exodus 28:42-43
 - 1. The actual underwear.
 - 2. Mandated for all the priests (modesty is in view.) Ex. 20:26.

III. Special meanings.

- A. The apparel for the high priest was “over the top.”

- 1. This was because he would make a _____ in behalf of the people.
- 2. Robert Murray M’cheyne.
- 3. Richard Baxter.

B. The real truth.

- 1. What we really need is not the personal holiness of a pastor, but rather the p_____ r_____ of Christ!

C. Fatal attraction.

- 1. Note Mike Rowe’s Dirty Jobs series on the Discovery Channel.
 - a. Dirty, yes, but no one was in danger of dying. This was not the case for the high priest.
 - b. The danger warning in Exodus.
- 2. The high priest’s clothing even repeatedly gave a warning.
 - a. Note the bells in the fringe of the robe.
 - 1. Not worn on the Day of Atonement as some have thought – Lev. 16:4.
 - 2. The ringing, however, signaled he was coming into the royal presence.
 - 3. Aaron’s sons paid the price for not heeding the warning.
 - a. Holiness is required by God – Hebrews 12:14.

IV. An illustration from the prophets.

- A. Pastor Don’s dry cleaning experience.
 - 1. Getting clothes clean.
- B. How can anyone have clean clothes? (One’s spiritual life.)
 - 1. Note Zechariah and the high priest named Joshua.
 - a. See Zech. 3:1-9, also Isaiah 61:10.
 - 1. Pastor Don gives summary.
 - b. An illustration of our own sinfulness.
 - 2. Note the Apostle John’s crucifixion account.
 - a. John 19:2, 23; Psalm 22
 - b. The apostle, by giving a description of Jesus clothing is hinting at His ministry as the H_____ P_____.

V. Points for Reflection.

- A. We ought not to cover up our sin as in a way to present ourselves to God.
- B. Like the high priest of the Old Testament, Jesus carries our burden of sin and carries our concerns close to His heart.
- C. While the high priests of old were regaled in magnificent, colorful clothing symbolizing their holiness, Jesus was crucified naked because His holiness was within instead of without!