



Tailor *Made*

Dressed for Success in God's Presence

God and the Priesthood

Much of that relationship was based on the serving

In his serving he related God to mankind and mankind to God

Today we know Jesus was the fulfillment of the high priest (Hebrews 14:4)

We the church we are considered God's royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)



Priestly Requirements

In the Old Testament you had to be a descendent of Aaron

To be part of this royal priesthood you had to be adopted into God's family through Jesus (Romans 8:15)

It's all about relationship

To serve in that position you had to wear the correct uniform



Priestly Uniform



Priestly Uniform

Each of these pieces were specifically designed as.....

An object lesson for the Jewish people

A pointer to Jesus the great high priest

Lessons of preparedness as we enter into this service relationship with God



The Breastplate of Decisions

(Exodus 28:15-30)

“hoshen”



The Breastplate

By the Numbers -- it's the focal point

8 verses to describe the Ephod

4 verses to describe the robe

2 verses to describe the headband

5 verses to describe the basic outfit

15 verses to describe the breastplate



The Breastplate

Its Description

One span squared (9"X9")

It had on it 12 precious stones

**God said the stones are to remind the priest
he carries the entire nation with him into
God's presence (over his heart)**

The Pouch (v. 16)



Urim and the Thummim

Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breast piece, 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.

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Urim and the Thummim

What are They?

Urim means "light"

Thummim means "perfections"

Light perfected or perfect light

Revelation and Truth



Urim and the Thummim

We do know the priest would use them to discern God's will in a situation

He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the Lord. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”

Numbers 27:21

They could only be used by the High Priest



Urim and the Thummim

Nobody knows exactly what they are

**There is no physical description of them
in scripture or Jewish history**

**Some believe these were like dice and
cast like lots (*1 Samuel 14:41*)**

They were not "magic" (*1 Samuel 28:5-6*)



Seeking God's Will

Old Testament

These people had Moses who would meet with God "face to face"

They would get Prophets who came with a thus saith the Lord

These were Temporary

The priesthood and specifically the High Priest was to be set in place for generations



Seeking God's Will

Where's Mine?

Jesus told the pharisees to stop looking for signs (Matthew 12:39)

Paul Tells the church to be cautious of people with new divine revelation (1 Corinthians 13:8)

What Changed and how do I find God's will today?



Seeking God's Will

Prayer – The Ephod

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.

Colossians 1:9



Seeking God's Will

God's Word – The Robe

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

Psalm 119:105-106



Seeking God's Will

Holy Spirit – The Headband

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:14



Seeking God's Will

Serve – The Everyday Outfit

And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

Revelation 5:8-10





Seeking God's Will
or Playing with Toys?