

Well Dressed in the Tabernacle

Exodus 28:1-4

I. The High Priest

A. The high priest was like us – “from _____ the people” [Exodus 28:1]

1. This is good – it begets _____

2. This is a problem: he is a fellow sinner

“Make atonement for _____ and for the people” [Leviticus 9:7]

B. The high priest was unlike us--distinct from the people

1. _____ by God

2. A _____--a go-between

3. A very deliberate, elaborate ritual of preparation

a. Wash with water; b. Anointed with oil; c. Carefully prescribed _____

II. The High Priest's _____

A. Very deliberate from head to toe

The materials match the Tabernacle--the High Priest an “embodied tabernacle”

“Make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty” [Exodus 28:2]

Three words to describe these garments

1. Holy – “_____”

2. For glory – “_____” There is gravity to these garments

3. For beauty--God is the source of all beauty

B. Two essential parts of the high priest's garments

1. _____ – a long, sleeveless vest, something like an apron

The High Priest _____ the people into God's presence on his shoulders

2. _____ of judgment

III. Jesus: the true and _____ High Priest

A. He is like us: “from among the people”

1. Empathy--“A _____ reed he will not break” [Isaiah 42:3; Matthew 12:20]

B. He is unlike us

Crucial aa between the high priests and Jesus

1. Many priests vs. one Priest

2. The high priests were temporary, transient – Jesus is eternal

“Jesus holds his priesthood _____” [Hebrews 7:24]

3. The high priests were sinful--Jesus is sinless

“Holy, innocent, unstained” [Hebrews 7:26]

4. The high priests had to offer sacrifices _____--Jesus sacrificed Himself once and for all

When Jesus died on the cross, He carried His people on His _____

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree” [First Peter 2:24a]

“I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself” [Exodus 19:4]

Good News: when we look to Jesus we are given His _____

He makes us beautiful – _____ in His sight

“Let us then with _____ draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” [Hebrews 4:16]