

The Priestly Garments – Part 1
Exodus 28:5-30

Main Point:

Learn from the priestly garments what Jesus does for you as your High Priest: because of His love, you are individually and continually remembered by God.

1. The priestly garments were designed by God to show you what Jesus does for you as your High Priest.
2. Because of Jesus your High Priest, you are remembered by God.
3. Because of Jesus your High Priest, you are individually remembered by God.
4. Because of Jesus your High Priest, you are continually remembered by God.
5. Jesus ensures that you are individually and continually remembered by God because of His deep love for you.

Hebrews 7:25 ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (NKJV)

Psalms 147:4 ⁴ He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. (NKJV)

John 10:3 ³ " ... the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name ... (NKJV)

Romans 8:34 ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "They were [to be] bound to him with cords of love and affection, the way the stones on his breastpiece were tied to the ephod – close to his heart."

Romans 8:35 ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (NKJV)

The High Priest's Holy Garments

The illustration depicts the holy garments worn by the high priests (Exodus 28; 39).

The *turban* of fine linen held a plate of pure shining gold, on which were engraved the Hebrew words for "Holy to YHWH."

The *ephod* (a colorful linen torso garment held by a skillfully woven waistband) had two shoulder pieces, each holding an onyx stone. The names of the 12 sons of Israel were engraved on these two stones. The cloth *breastpiece of judgment* had four rows, each with three precious stones. Each of these stones had engraved upon it the name of one of the tribes of Israel. The breastpiece also contained the Urim and the Thummim, and was attached to the ephod by gold chains and rings. The blue *robe* was worn under the ephod (Lev. 8:7–8); colorful imitation pomegranates lined the hem of the robe, alternating with golden bells. The white *coat* or tunic of checkered weave and fine linen was probably held by the embroidered sash under the robe.

