Exodus – The Revealing of God's Glory and His Design for the Chosen

#91 – Dressing in Style Exodus 28:31-43

Upon his head he wears a cap, not brought to a conic form nor encircling the whole head, but still covering more than half of it ... and its make is such that it seems to be a crown, being made of thick swathes, but the contexture is of linen; and it is double rounded many times, and sewed together: besides which, a piece of fine linen covers the whole cap from the upper part, and reaches down to the forehead, and hides the seams of the swathes, which would otherwise appear indecently: this adheres closely upon the solid part of the head, and is thereto so firmly fixed that it may not fall off during the sacred service about the sacrifices.

Exodus 28:38a

"38 It shall be on Aaron's forehead...."

Exodus 20:26

"26 And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, so that your nakedness will not be exposed on it."

Exodus 28:35b

"35b ... and its tinkling shall be heard when he enters and leaves the holy place before the Lord, so that he will not die."

Leviticus 16:4

"4 He shall put on the holy linen tunic, and the linen undergarments shall be next to his body, and he shall be girded with the linen sash and attired with the linen turban (these are holy garments). Then he shall bathe his body in water and put them on."

Exodus 28:43a

"43a They shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they enter the tent of meeting, or when they approach the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they do not incur guilt and die...."

Zechariah 3:4

"4 He spoke and said to those who were standing before him, saying, 'Remove the filthy garments from him.' Again he said to him, 'See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with festal robes."

Exodus 28:38

"38 It shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall take away the iniquity of the holy things which the sons of Israel consecrate, with regard to all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord."

Isaiah 61:10

"10 I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."

John 19:23

"23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier...."

"And also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven into one piece."

We ought not to cover up our sin as in a way to present ourselves to God.

Like the high priest of the Old Testament, Jesus carries our burden of sin and carries our concerns close to His heart. 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!