

Exodus 28:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold,
and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

Analysis

Two gold rings attach to the breastplate's top corners, connecting it to the ephod via golden chains. Rings represent continuity—no beginning, no end. Gold rings create permanent attachment points. The connection between chest (heart) and shoulders (strength) shows priestly ministry flows from love and power united. Christ doesn't minister from strength alone or love alone, but both together in perfect harmony.

Historical Context

The rings (תַּבְּאוֹת, taba'ot) were likely cast gold, soldered to the breastplate's corners. Their circular form created ideal connection points—flexible yet secure, allowing movement without separation.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's ministry combine emotional care (heart) with powerful action (shoulders)?

2. What does permanent connection (rings) teach about unbreakable priestly representation?

Interlinear Text

וַעֲשֵׂה יָדְךָ	עַל	הַחֹשֶׁן:	שְׁנֵי יָדֶיךָ	הַטֶּבַע	זָהָב
And thou shalt make	H5921	of the breastplate	on the two	rings	of gold
H6213		H2833	H8147	H2885	H2091
וְנָתַתָּ	אֵת	שְׁנֵי יָדֶיךָ	הַטֶּבַע	עַל	שְׁנֵי יָדֶיךָ
and shalt put	H853	on the two	rings	H5921	on the two
H5414		H8147	H2885		ends
				H8147	H7098
		הַחֹשֶׁן:			
		of the breastplate			
		H2833			

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