

Exodus 28:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in the border thereof, which is in the side of the ephod inward.

Analysis

Two additional gold rings secure the breastplate's bottom corners on its inner side (toward the ephod). While upper rings connected outwardly to shoulders, these lower rings create inward connection. This dual attachment (upper and lower) prevents shifting during service. The inner placement suggests hidden securities—not all of God's provision for stability is visible. Some connections between us and Christ are private, known only to Him and us.

Historical Context

Inner rings, while invisible to observers, were structurally critical. They prevented the breastplate from pulling away during movement, ensuring the tribes remained 'close to the heart' throughout service.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What 'hidden connections' (inner rings) does Christ maintain with you that others don't see?
2. How do both visible and invisible securities keep you 'close to His heart'?

Interlinear Text

וְעַשׂ יְתָ	שְׁנַי	זֶה בְּ טְבֵעַ וְתָ	וְשָׁמַתָּ
And thou shalt make	them upon the two	rings	of gold and thou shalt put
H6213	H8147	H2885	H2091 H7760
עַל אַתָּה	שְׁנַי	לְקַצְתָּ וְתָ	שְׁפָתָן וְעַל
H853	H5921	H8147	H5921 H8193
them upon the two	ends	of the breastplate	in the border
H7098	H2833		
אֶל אֲשֶׁר	עַבְרָה	בְּאֹפֶד	בְּיִתְהָהָ
H834	H413	H5676	H646 H1004
thereof which is in the side	of the ephod	inward	

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