

# Exodus 28:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

## Analysis

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Summary: Aaron bears Israel's names on the breastplate 'upon his heart...continually.' The heart represents love, affection, will. Israel isn't grudgingly tolerated but lovingly cherished. The Hebrew תָּמִיד (tamid, continually) appears repeatedly—showbread continually, lamp continually, breastplate continually. God's provision never lapses. Christ bears our names on His heart perpetually, loving without interruption, representing without ceasing (Hebrews 7:25).

## Historical Context

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The high priest wore these garments only during tabernacle service, but while serving, the breastplate never left his chest. This 'continual' bearing applied throughout ministry time, prefiguring Christ's eternal ministry.

## Related Passages

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**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

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1. How does knowing Christ bears your name 'upon his heart' affect your sense of being loved?
2. What does 'continually' (never stopping) teach about the reliability of Christ's care?

## Interlinear Text

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וְנָשָׂא אֶת	אֶת הָרֶן	שְׁמֹת	בְּנֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	
shall bear	And Aaron	H853	the names	of the children	of Israel
H5375	H175		H8034	H1121	H3478
בְּחֹשֶׁן	הַמִּשְׁפָּט	עַל	לֵב	וְכִבֵּא	אֵל
in the breastplate	of judgment	H5921	upon his heart	when he goeth	H413
H2833	H4941		H3820	H935	
הַקֹּדֶשׁ	לְזִכָּר	לִפְנֵי	יְהוָה	תָּמִיד:	
in unto the holy	place for a memorial	before	the LORD	continually	
H6944	H2146	H6440	H3068	H8548	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 28:12** (References Lord): And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

**Exodus 28:30** (Judgment): And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

**Jeremiah 30:21** (References Lord): And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.

**Romans 10:1** (References Israel): Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

**Exodus 28:15** (Judgment): And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

**Song of Solomon 8:6**: Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

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