

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

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

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

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. 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

וְשָׁרְאָה	לְבָנֵי	שְׁמֵת	אֶת	בָּרָן	וְנַשְׁלֵא
of Israel	of the children	the names	אֶת	בָּרָן	וְנַשְׁלֵא
H3478	H1121	H8034	H853	H175	shall bear And Aaron
אַל	בְּבָאָה	לְבָבָוּ	בְּחַשְׁן	עַל	בְּמִשְׁפָּט
H413	H935	H3820	H5921	H4941	in the breastplate of judgment
תִּפְמִיד	לִפְנֵי הָרָא	לִזְכָּר	בְּקָרְבָּן	בְּקָרְבָּן	לְפָנֵי
H8548	H3068	H6440	H2146	H6944	in unto the holy place for a memorial

Additional Cross-References

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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