

Exodus 28:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Analysis

The garments are put 'upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him,' then anointed, consecrated, and sanctified 'that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.' The sequence: clothing first (righteousness), then anointing (Spirit), then consecration (setting apart), then sanctification (making holy). This order reflects salvation: first clothed in Christ's righteousness, then anointed by the Spirit, then set apart for God's purposes, then progressively sanctified. All leading to one goal—ministry to God.

Historical Context

The three-stage process (anoint, consecrate, sanctify) emphasized that priestly service required comprehensive preparation. Simply wearing garments wasn't sufficient—priests needed Spirit-empowerment, official separation, and moral holiness for acceptable service.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the sequence (clothing→anointing→consecration→sanctification) reflect stages in Christian life?
2. What does 'that they may minister unto me' teach about the purpose of all spiritual preparation?

Interlinear Text

וְהִלַּבְשָׁתָּ	אֹתָם	אֶת	אֶהָרִי	אֶחָיִךְ	וְאֵת
And thou shalt put	H853	H853	them upon Aaron	thy brother	H853
H3847			H175	H251	
בְּנֵי יוֹ	אֵת	וּמִשְׁחָתָּ	אֹתָם	וּמִלֵּאתָ	אֹתָם
and his sons	H853	with him and shalt anoint	H853	them and consecrate	H853
H1121		H4886		H4390	
וְיִדָּם	וְקִדְשָׁתָּ	אֹתָם			
H3027	them and sanctify	H853			
	H6942				
		וְכָהֲנֵי יִ			לִי
		them that they may minister unto me in the priest's office			H0
		H3547			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 29:7 (Parallel theme): Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

Exodus 40:15 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

Exodus 29:9 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be their's for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

Leviticus 10:7 (Parallel theme): And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

Hebrews 7:28 (Parallel theme): For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

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