

Exodus 28:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

Analysis

The curious girdle (belt/sash) of the ephod matches its workmanship and materials—one integrated piece, not separately attached. This unity suggests that what 'binds together' the priestly garments shares the same character as the garments themselves. The sash, wrapping around and securing everything, prefigures the Holy Spirit who binds together all aspects of Christ's work and our salvation into unified whole.

Historical Context

This specially woven band (קְשֵׁהָב, kheshev, 'skillful work') extended from the ephod as one piece, wrapping around the waist to secure the garment during service. Its integrated construction ensured it couldn't become separated from the ephod.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the Holy Spirit 'bind together' all aspects of your salvation into unified whole?
2. What role does spiritual unity play in effective priestly service (ministry to others)?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 29:5 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod:

Leviticus 8:7 (Parallel theme): And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith.