

Exodus 39:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office.

Analysis

The 'cloths of service' (בְּגָדִים לְשָׁרֶד, bigdei haSherod, garments for ministering) and 'holy garments for Aaron...and his sons' emphasize that ministry requires proper attire. The distinction between service clothes (general ministry) and Aaron's specific garments teaches that all ministry requires covering, but leadership bears additional accountability. The phrase 'to minister in the priest's office' (לְכָהָן, lechahen, to serve as priest) connects garments to function—they enabled qualified ministry. Christ, clothed perfectly, enables believers' priestly service (1 Peter 2:5, 9).

Historical Context

The completed priestly garments, listed as the final crafted items before Moses' inspection, represented the culmination of months of skilled work. These garments transformed ordinary men into consecrated priests qualified to approach God on Israel's behalf—the clothing itself had sacred function, not mere decoration.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 – God is love

Study Questions

1. How do priestly garments enabling ministry prefigure Christ's righteousness qualifying believers for service?
2. What does the distinction between general service clothes and Aaron's unique garments teach about degrees of accountability?

Interlinear Text

בְּגִדִּים	לְשִׁרְתַּה	בְּשִׁירַת	בְּגִידִים	אֶת
H853	The cloths	of service	to do service	H853
H899	H8278	H8334	H6944	H899

בָּנִים	בְּגִדֵּי	וְאַתָּה	כְּפָה	לְאַבָּר	בְּקָרֶב
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