

**Sermon: The Priest Who Bears Your Name.**  
**Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.**

**Scripture: Exodus 28-29.**  
**Date: May 14, 2023**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) How does the Old Testament priesthood in Exodus 28-29 point to a holy God? A loving God?
- b) Read 29:46. How does this verse summarize God's plan in the entire book of Exodus and even the entire Bible?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) In the Garden of Eden the man and woman's guilt caused them to hide, cover up, and blame. Can you identify how you tend to deal with your own shame and guilt? How do you hide from God, cover up guilt, or blame others?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) Skim through Exodus 28 and 29 again. How do the instructions for these consecrated priests point to Jesus as our final priest?
- b) Think about how the priest bore the names of the tribes on his heart before God in the Holy Places. Why can Jesus alone truly represent us before the Father?
- c) Read Hebrews 9:11-15. Why did Jesus have to die? How would you answer this question if asked by a non-Christian friend?

**APPLICATION**

- a) Read 1 Peter 2:9. What does it mean to you that we are a priesthood unto God? What is one practical implication of our priesthood? (Remember we are not mediators, Jesus is the only mediator between man and God).

**FIGHTER VERSES: Romans 5:1-2.**

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for never giving up on dwelling among us.
- Confess ways that you have dealt with your guilt on your own through hiding, covering, and blaming.
- Thank Jesus for being the High Priest who represents you before God.
- Ask God to help you live as his priest displaying his beauty and glory to the world.