

Showing Jesus to the World

Shalom,

The Torah portion for this week found in **Exodus 27:20–30:10**, called **Tetzaveh** or **“You shall command,”** has instructions for crafting the menorah, the lamp of God. It speaks of the attributes of YHWH and reminds us that He, Who is Light, regards light as precious, and has ordained that His brightness is to shine in darkness manifesting the presence of God as glorious light. All believers are to be light carriers. Light emanates from God and, according to His Word, is central to our understanding of all that is good.

And this is the message which we have heard from Him and proclaim to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in Him—none! If we claim to have fellowship with Him while we are walking in the darkness, we are lying and not living out the truth. But if we are walking in the light, as He is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of His Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin. (1 John 1:5-7 CJB)

The next section, beginning with chapter 28, gives the pattern and the material to be used to make clothing for the priests of YHWH to be worn as they carry out their ministries. Although the instructions are given in different chapters, we can see that **both have to do with God’s glory, as manifested in light, and man being anointed to show forth His light as the manifested presence of God.**

You are to make holy garments for your brother Aaron, for splendor (kavod) and for beauty. (Exodus 28:2 TLV)

For Aaron's sons you are to make tunics, sashes and headwear for them—for splendor (kavod) and for beauty. (Exodus 28:40 TLV)

The Complete Jewish Bible renders the last words of verse two, **“garments set apart for serving God, expressing dignity and splendor,”** and the Hebrew word used for “dignity” is **“kavod,”** or **“glory”**

It is obvious that **the prophetic fulfillment of the High Priest is Jesus**, the Messiah, and that, unlike the Aaronic priesthood which was temporary, He perfectly fulfills all the requirements of that office.

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. (Hebrews 4:14 NKJV)

And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the One and Only from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14 TLV)

The revelation of how believers are anointed by the Holy Spirit to carry and manifest the glory and light of God on this earth is not as obvious to us as is the glory of God in Jesus, but His words clearly show that men and women of faith have been given the ministry of carrying and sharing His glory. Everything that we are, and do, is visible to those around us, and many can only see us in a physical way. Let's show forth the praises of God in every way, recognizing that the glory which is in us will manifest even in our natural appearance and behavior.

The glory that You have given to Me I have given to them, that they may be one just as We are one— (John 17:22 TLV)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9 TLV)

The plan of God provided through the New Covenant is that the New Creatures in Messiah Yeshua would show His light in themselves to the world, and that everyone who trusts will show forth His glory. This is such a marvelous truth that as we clothe, or cover, ourselves in Him, the glory that is in Him will be seen through us.

Instead, put on the Lord Messiah Yeshua, and stop making provision for the flesh—for its cravings. (Romans 13:14 TLV)

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on a lampstand so it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16 TLV)

Let your light shine,
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