

COLERAINE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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GARMENTS OF THE HIGH PRIEST EXODUS 28
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MITRE AND PLATE Exodus 28:36-38

The words, '*HOLINESS TO THE LORD*' leap out from the page of scripture.

Biblical Holiness is Christ-likeness.

1) **MITRE/BONNET**

- HIS PERFECT CONSECRATION TO GOD

With the Mitre upon his head, he was anointed with oil to consecrate him Exodus 28:3; 29:6, 7. Holiness begins in the mind (head).

- CHRIST WAS AND IS:

i) Absolutely Sinless. The White Linen symbolises righteousness Hebrews 4:15; 7:26.

ii) Entirely Sanctified. John 17:19 '*I sanctify myself*'. He set Himself to do the Father's will to provide redemption for us.

iii) Voluntarily Submissive. Covering the head symbolises submission 1 Corinthians 11:3; Luke 2:51; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 10:7; John 13:1-17.

This is true '*Holiness to the Lord.*'

2) **THE PLATE/CROWN** Exodus 28:38; 29:6

His consecrated work as our Great High Priest sanctifies His people unto God John 17:19.

i) OUR SERVICE

Christ bears, *The iniquity of the holy things.*

Our very best worship can only be acceptable to God through our Great High Priest.

That truth protects us from pride and causes us to rely upon Christ.

ii) OUR SELVES

'That THEY may be accepted before the Lord' v38.

Every believer stands in the sight of the Holy God as perfect as Christ Ephesians 1:6.

3) **PERSONAL '*HOLINESS TO THE LORD.*'**

A Christ-like holiness ought to be:

i) PROMINENT in our life.

ii) PLEASANT.

Plate can be translated as flower Psalm 96:9.

iii) PERMANENT about us.

'It shall be ALWAYS upon His forehead' v38.

Holiness was *engraved* upon the plate v36.

Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest will enable us to hold fast our profession and create a desire within us to be HOLY TO THE LORD.