## **Exodus: Set Apart for Service**

Exodus 28:1-31:17

In these chapters, God outlines instructions for priestly garments, furniture, sacrifices, and more—all serving as powerful symbols to represent how God's people are set apart to be in fellowship with him. These tangible symbols pale as reflected copies of the perfect sacrifice and interceding priest we now have in Jesus Christ.

## **Application**

- 1. In your life, what would it look like for you to regularly ponder the riches of what you've been given—and how might that change your attitude or perspective?
- 2. Do you walk in the kind of humility required to receive all that God has for you? What practical actions can help you lay down your personal sense of justice or pride?

## **Key Points**

- Our biggest issue is that we are separated from God. These tools, garments, furniture, and other symbols serve to remind us of our inability to get to God on our own.
- Redemption is required for our reconciliation to God.
- Just as the guilt of the Israelites is placed symbolically on the priest and carried into the place of sacrifice so that it may be covered, our sin is imputed to Jesus and by faith we are reconciled through his blood.
- We are not more faithful than God—he always comes through. Righteousness that
  is not ours has been freely given to us, and we are set apart to respond in
  fellowship with him.

## Other Scripture References

2 Corinthians 5:21 NASB Ephesians 5:2 Hebrews 9:23