Parashah 20 Tetzaveh - “You are to order”

Torah: Sh’mot (Exodus) 27:20 – 30:10
Aliyah 1 - 27:20-28:12 Olive Oil for menorah, Aharon and sons to be cohanim; priestly garments
Aliyah 2 - 28:13 - 30 Priestly garments: breastplate, urim and tumim for judging
Aliyah 3 - 28:31 - 43 Priestly garments: Robe, turban, checkered tunic, shorts,
Aliyah 4 - 29:1 - 18 Consecration of the office of cohen for Aharon and his sons
Aliyah 5 - 29:19 - 37 Sacrifices for consecration of cohen
Aliyah 6 - 29:38 - 46 Daily sacrifices; God will meet with priest at the entrance to the tent of meeting
Aliyah 7 - 30:1 - 10 Instructions for making and Altar of Incense and its use

Haftarah: Yechezk’el (Ezekiel) 43:10-27
B’rit Hadashah: Hebrews 13:10-17

1. (27:20) Who provided the oil for the light (menorah) in the tabernacle? Why is this significant? What concept does this teach us?

2. (28:1) Can anyone with the right training be a priest? What is the requirement for being a priest? Did Yeshua fit the requirement?

3. (28:2) Can clothing be intrinsically “good” or “bad?” What is the purpose of the garments for Aharon and his sons?

4. (28:3) Was there room for creativity in God’s instructions? If so, what was the source of that creativity and how was it used?

5. (28:5) Nothing specific is said about the use of “color” in the portion. Was color purely for cosmetic purpose and style?

6. (28:6) What is an “ephod?” What was on the shoulder piece of the high priest’s “ephod” and why?

7. (28:29) What is the breastplate for? What is on it?

8. (28:30) What is “urim” and “tummim”?
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9. (28:35) How do the bells on the robe of the Cohen HaGadol protect him?

10. (29:1) What offices in the Torah were “anointed?”

11. (29:38) Describe the daily offering. How does this speak of Messiah?

12. (29:45) What is the ultimate purpose of all this detail?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (28:4) Aharon literally wore a part of the tabernacle. What does your clothing say about you? (1Ti 2:10, 1Pe 5:5, Col 3:10-15, Eph 6:11-17)


4. (29:1) Do you recognize the unique calling and purpose God has placed on your life? Are you serving Him? (Exo 19:5-6, 1Pe 2:9, Heb 10:24, Eph 2:10, Mic 6:8, Isa 61:1-3, 1Co 3:16-17)

5. (29:19) The first ram was a burnt offering, the second ram was used for the priests to “draw near” to God. Have you died to “self” and now draw near to the living God? (Lev 14:14, Joh 10:11, Heb 9:11-12, Phil 2:17, Eph 5:2, Rom 12:1, Phil 2:8-11, Luk 9:23-27, Rom 8:12-17)

6. (29:38) Sacrifice was to be a twice-daily affair. How often do you approach the Lord? (1Th 5:18, Eph 5:20, 1Ti 2:1-3, Col 3:17, Phil 4:6, Col 4:2, Psa 55:16-18, Isa 63:7)