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# GOD'S GUIDE

EXODUS 27:1-8



I love fishing for King Salmon, but I was never very good at it until I found a guide. I didn't know where to go, what tackle to use, when was the best time, how to cast, and so on. In fact, a couple of times, I was almost swept away in the river because I went to the wrong place and took the wrong steps. But once I found a guide, my friend Chris, I not only started catching, I stayed safe as well.

A guide is valuable in every walk of life, especially where there's a big risk/reward factor. That's especially the case when it comes to our spiritual lives. How do we approach God and meet with God in a safe and rewarding way? We need a guide. So did Israel, and that's why God gave the Israelites priests to serve in this role in the Tabernacle. As we look at the priests in Exodus 28:1-4, ask yourself, who can be that kind of spiritual guide for me?

## LEARNING

### WE NEED A GUIDE

Whenever we think of approaching God or meeting with God, we're met with two problems. There's the problem of difference: He is the almighty Creator and we are frail creatures. And there's the problem of offense: He is a holy God and we are unholy sinners. That was the same for the Israelites. They too faced the problems of difference and offense. Like us, they needed a guide to commune safely with God.

DIFFERENCE AND OFFENSE  
MEAN DANGERS AND OBSTACLES.

Who can guide us to God safely and successfully?

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## GOD PROVIDES A GUIDE (1-4)

In Exodus 28:1-4 God provided guides for Israel. He called Aaron and his sons from among the Israelites to serve him as priests (1). There were mediators who could guide them safely to God, and God safely to them.

After calling these guides, he clothed them. **And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty** (2). Read verses 3 and 4, to see how gloriously beautiful these holy garments were.

When God looked at his priests, he no longer saw ugly sin, but holy glory and holy beauty. They could therefore come near to him and he to them. When the Israelites saw the priests, they saw men that God had set apart to guide them safely into his presence.

WITHOUT GOD'S GUIDE  
WE MAXIMIZE RISK AND MINIMIZE REWARD,  
BUT WITH GOD'S GUIDE  
WE MINIMIZE RISK AND MAXIMIZE REWARD.

LOVING

We need a guide and God has provided a guide. God's priest in the New Testament era is Jesus Christ. God called him out of Israel, clothed him with perfectly beautiful holiness, and consecrated him alone to be our spiritual guide. **For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus** (1 Timothy 2:5). Read Hebrews 5:1-5 for more on this wonderful guide.

Isn't that fantastic? We needed a guide, and God has provided one in Jesus. He doesn't need special clothes for this task, because he is already gloriously and beautifully holy. He removes all risk and multiplies the reward in meeting with God.

LIVING

Use the priest God has called, clothed, and consecrated to guide you safely and successfully into God's presence.

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