

The Splendor (Beauty) of Holiness

1 Chronicles 16:29

Introduction:

Exodus 28.2 Aaron's garments were for glory and beauty (his sons also, Ex 28.40)

"Holiness to the Lord" on Aaron's mitre (turban) - Ex 28.36 (KJV)

Psalms 96:9, Psalms 29:2

The psalm of 1 Chronicles 16 seems to be the first psalm offered before the Ark of the Covenant, newly installed in the tent David had prepared for it. For the first time, Asaph and his sons are appointed to offer praise in song before the Ark 1 Chron 16.1-7

Meanwhile the Tabernacle and the High Priest, Zadok, were at the high place in Gibeon - 1 Chron 16.37-40

As David says "Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness" he is addressing all Israel before the tent containing the Ark, not before the Tabernacle. Therefore, he is not speaking just of the splendor of the garments made for Aaron and the priests; he is speaking of individuals worshipping before God in the splendor of holiness.

The Beauty (Splendor) of Holiness

To God

God in choosing David - 1 Sam 16.7

1 Pet 3.3-4

To Ourselves - 2 Cor 2.16; 1 Pet 3.16; 1 Jn 3:19-21

To Others

Brethren

Those outside of Christ

Family - 1 Pet 3.1-2

Friends and neighbors - "salt of the earth" 1 Pet 2:12

Government authorities - Rom 13

Cleanliness

Grandma's beads; "cleanliness is next to godliness"

All Israel - Ex 19.10

Aaron & sons - Ex 29.4

Our cleansing - Acts 2.38; 22.16; Eph 5.26-27

Continues - 1 Jn 1.7-9; 2 Pet 1.9

Clothes

The "fine twined linen" of priests' garments - Ex 28.4-5

Psalm 149.4

We are clothed in Christ - Gal 3.26-27

The wedding garment of parable - Mt 22.11

Rev 19.8 clothes associated (are) with conduct

Manners (Conduct)

The care with which Aaron & priests had to approach the altar and tabernacle

1 Pet 1.15; Eph 4.1

Heb 12.14