

Incorruptible, Strong, and Crowned

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

In the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle — and some of you have been listening as we have been having wonderful times in just seeing how everything in the tabernacle points to the Lord Jesus — there was the ark of the covenant. Now that was a chest or a box and it was made of a wood called acacia wood. Now acacia wood grew in the desert. Why did they choose this wood? Because it was incorruptible. Isn't that marvelous? In **1 Peter 1:23**, we read — **Being born again. . . - that is if we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour - not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.** We read also of Jesus in His humanity in **Isaiah 53:2** — **For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground . . .** In other words, all this was a prophetic symbol of Christ. In **Isaiah 11:1**, we read —

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse . . . - that was the father of King David - . . . and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

You know, the Bible is so awesome! The more you hunger for the Word of God, it seems as if God opens one thing after the other and they all interrelate and there is no end of the learning and the joy of being

taught by the Holy Spirit. I hope you approach the Word of God this way. I hope you are not satisfied with living on crumbs when you can have hot, fresh, wonderful bread every day from the Word of God. God wants to bring this to show forth Jesus in everything we are reading and studying. If you do not know the Lord in this way, to really get something from the time you spend with Him we do encourage you to send for that little book, *Food for Faith*. It is made available to not only establish you in Christ, but to help others through that which you receive from the Lord in the Word in those places where He has placed you.

When we understand more of our Lord Jesus Christ and His high priestly work, we understand better all the awesome fullness of His love and His grace. All this was prefigured in the earthly sanctuary, which God told Moses to build for His dwelling place amongst His people. We read of it back there in the Old Testament. Do spend time going and finding these things for yourself. This is such an awesome part of the Bible. I love the tabernacle. Then go on about the temple. But you find it. Let God teach you. He wants to and you will find you teach others also.

Christ entrusted His Gospel message only to those who receive and love Him. Before going to the Cross to die for our sins in what is referred to as the High Priestly Prayer, our Lord Jesus prayed . . . **for**

them also, which shall believe on me through their (His) word

. . . In **John 20:21**, we read - . . . **as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.** Praise God! That includes every child of God down through the ages. It includes you if you receive Him today. Let us just hunger to meet Him in His Word. Let's just see Him on every page.

Aaron, the high priest, represents the priestly ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we read of Aaron and his sons, it is actually typifying the priestly ministry of the Church of God. When we read of Aaron and his tribe, this illustrated the priestly ministry of the children of God. The emphasis is on the individual believer rather than the corporation action of the whole Church. Aaron, the high priest, had special garments. He had a girdle, speaking of strength for service, speaking of Christ, the strong One who came not to be ministered to but to minister and give his life a ransom for many. He had this girdle put on, this fine needlework. We read also that he had a crown put on his head. This was called the holy crown, a miter. You can read more of this in **Exodus 28:36-38**. This speaks of a type of turban which was put round his head and then this crown. At the very front of the crown was a plate made of solid gold. This was called a holy crown, because this plate of pure gold was on a lace of blue engraved upon this plate, **Holiness to the Lord**. We read in **Exodus 28:38** **And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in their holy**

gifts; and it shall always be upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord. This speaks of the type of our Lord Jesus, Who will be coming one day at His Second Coming, as we read in **Revelation 19**, speaking of His authority —

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns . . . many crowns -

13 And he was clothed in a vesture dipt in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords! Respond to Him totally with your spirit and you heart and life.

For His glory. Amen.