

Chapter 28

God commandeth Moyfes to make diuers fortes of veftures for Aaron and his fonnes, prefcribing the matter, maner, and ornaments therof.

Take vnto thee alfo Aaron thy brother with his fonnes, from among the children of Ifrael, ^{a)}that they may doe the function of priefthoode vnto me: Aaron, Nadab, and Abiu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ² And thou fhalt make an holie vefture to Aaron thy brother for glorie and bewtie. ³ And thou fhalt fpeake to al the wife of hart, whom I haue replenifhed with the fpirit of wifdome, that they make Aarons veftures, wherein he being fanctified may minifter to me. ⁴ And ^{b)}theſe ſhal be the veftments that they ſhal make: Rationale and an Ephod, a tunike and a ftraite linnen garment, a mitre and a girdle. They ſhal make the holie veftments for thy brother Aaron and his fonnes, that they may doe the function of priefthood vnto me. ⁵ And they ſhal take gold, and hyacinth, and purple, and ſcarlet twife died, and filke. ⁶ And they ſhal make the Ephod of gold and hyacinth and purple, and ſcarlet twife died, and twifted filke, embrodered with diuers colours. ⁷ It ſhal haue two edges ioyned in the toppe on both fides, that they may be clofed together. ⁸ The verie workemanſhip alfo and al the varietie of the worke ſhal be of gold and hyacinth, and purple, and ſcarlet twife died, and twifted filke. ⁹ And thou ſhalt take two Onyx ſtones, and ſhalt graue in them the names of the children of Ifrael: ¹⁰ fix names in one ſtone, and the other fix in the other, according to the order of their natiuitie. ¹¹ After the worke of a grauer and the grauing of a lapidarie,

^a Vocation neceſſarie to ſpiritual function. *Heb. 5.*

^b Theſe veftments ſignifie that Biſhopes and Priefts muſt haue ſpecial vertues, diſcretion, puritie of life, ſincere intention, contemplatiō of God, ſupportation of the peoples infirmitie, folicitude of their good, examplar life, found doctrin, and band of vnion. *S. Hiero. ad Fabiol. de veſtitu Sacerdotum. to. 3.*

thou shalt graue them with the names of the children of Ifrael, fette in gold and compaffed about: ¹² and thou shalt put them in both fides of the Ephod, a memorial for the children of Ifrael. And Aaron shal beare their names before the Lord vpon both shoulders, for a remembrance. ¹³ Thou shalt make alfo hookes of gold, ¹⁴ and two litle cheynes of moft pure gold linked one to an other, which thou shalt put into the hookes. ¹⁵ The Rationale of iudgement alfo thou shalt make with embrodered worke of diuers colours, according to the workmanship of the Ephod of gold, hyacinth, and purple, and fcarlet twife died, and twifted filke. ¹⁶ It shal be foure fquare and duble: it shal haue the meafure of a palme afwel in length as in bredth. ¹⁷ And thou shalt fet in it foure rewes of ftones: In the firft rew shal be the ftone fardius, and topazius, and the emeraud: ¹⁸ in the fecond the carbuncle, the fapphire, and the iafer: ¹⁹ in the third a ligurius, an achates, an amethyft: ²⁰ in the fourth a chryfolith, an onyx, and beryllus. They shal be fet in gold by their rewes. ²¹ And they shal haue the names of the children of Ifrael: with twelue names shal they be grauen, euerie ftone with the names of euerie one according to the twelue tribes. ²² Thou shalt make in the Rationale cheynes linked one to an other of the pureft gold: ²³ and two ringes of gold, which thou shalt put in both the toppes of the Rationale: ²⁴ and the golden cheynes thou shalt ioyne to the ringes, that are in the edges therof: ²⁵ and the endes of the cheynes them felues thou shalt couple with two hookes on both fides of the Ephod, which is toward the Rationale. ²⁶ Thou shalt make alfo two ringes of gold which thou shalt put in the toppes of the Rationale, in the brimmes, that are ouer againft the Ephod, & looke toward the backe partes therof. ²⁷ Moreouer alfo other two ringes of gold, which are to be fet on both fides of the Ephod beneth, that looketh toward the nether ioyning, that the Rationale may be fitted with the Ephod, ²⁸ and may be faftened by the ringes therof vnto the ringes of the Ephod with a lace of hyacinth, that the ioyning artificially wrought may continew, and the Rationale and Ephod may not be

separated one from the other. ²⁹ And Aaron shall beare the names of the children of Ifrael in the Rationale of iudgement vpon his breft, when he shall enter into the Sanctuarie, a memorial before the Lord for euer. ³⁰ And thou shalt put in the Rationale of iudgement ^a) Doctrine, and Veritie, which shall be on Aarons breft, when he shall goe in before the Lord: and he shall beare the iudgement of the children of Ifrael on his breft, in the fight of the Lord alwayes. ³¹ And thou shalt make the tunike of the Ephod al of hyacinth, ³² in the middes wherof aboute shall be a hole for the head, and a bordeer round about it wouen, as is wont to be made in the vtmost partes of garments, that it may not easily be broken. ³³ And beneth at the feete of the same tunike, round about, thou shalt make as it were pomegranates, of hyacinth, and purple, and scarlet twife dyed, litle belles interposed betwen, ³⁴ so that there be a bell of gold and a pomegranate: and againe an other bell of gold and a pomegranate. ³⁵ And Aaron shall be vested with it in the office of his minifterie, that the found may be heard, when he goeth in and cometh out of the Sanctuarie, in the fight of the Lord, and that he die not. ³⁶ Thou shalt make also a plate of the purest gold: wherin thou shalt graue after the worke of a grauer, Holie to the Lord. ³⁷ And thou shalt tie it with a lace of hyacinth, and it shall be vpon the mitre, ³⁸ hanging ouer the forehead of the high Priest. And Aaron shall carie the iniquities of those thinges, which the children of Ifrael haue offered and sanctified, in all their giftes and donaries. And the plate shall be alwayes in his forehead, that the Lord may be well pleased with them. ³⁹ And thou shalt gird the tunike with filke, and thou shalt make a filken mitre, and a bawdrike of embrodered worke. ⁴⁰ Moreouer for the sonnes of Aaron thou shalt prepare linnen tunikes, and bawdrikes and mitres for glorie and bewtie: ⁴¹ And with all these thinges thou shalt vest Aaron thy brother, and

^a Knowledge of the cause, and sincere proceeding therein, are the two keyes of right iudgement.

his sonnes with him. And thou shalt consecrate the hands of them al, and shalt sanctifie them, that they may doe the function of priesthood vnto me. ⁴² Thou shalt make also linnen breches, to couer the flesh of their turpitude from the reynes vnto the thighes: ⁴³ and Aaron and his sonnes shal vse them when they shal enter into the tabernacle of testimony, or when they approach to the Altar to minister in the Sanctuarie, left guiltie of iniquitie they die. It shal be a law for euer to Aaron, and to his seed after him.