

Communion Meditation

Exodus 28.36-38 Sealed for God June 22nd, 2014

v36 ~ “.. HOLINESS TO THE LORD” Engraven on a Plate of Pure Gold

- Tabernacle design prescribed in **Ex 25 to 30** – Priest’s garments in **28**
 - v38 ~ These words were to “**always be on his forehead**” so that ..
 - the “**holy gifts**” of the people “**may be accepted before the Lord**”
- The **forehead** is important in the Bible
 - The forehead is meaningful to both God and to Satan
 - **Rev 7** God’s servants are marked on foreheads to protect them
 - **Rev 13 & 14** a “**mark of the beast**” is put upon foreheads
 - It denotes devotion / consecration / obedience

Marking Foreheads

- Indian women place a bindi between eyes (**black/red** – unmarried/married)
- Hindus place marks on forehead denoting god they worship (**black / white**)
- Ash Wednesday (symbolizing start of Christ’s 40 days in wilderness)
- Marking the forehead is referred to as setting a seal on the person

Sealed for God

- Yesterday Phil spoke of a seal in the context of marriage (**SoS 8.6**)
 - “**Set me as a seal upon your heart, a seal upon your arm**”
- In **Rev 7.1-3** (**read**) an angel seals God’s servants to protect them
- Paul refers to us as having been sealed by God
 - **2 Cor 1.22** ~ “**God .. sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts**”
 - **Eph 1.13** ~ “**.. you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**”
 - **Eph 4.30** ~ “**.. you were sealed for the day of redemption**”

The priests represented God to the people ~ and the people to God

This “flower” bearing the words “Holy to the Lord” consecrated them in this role

The priests fulfilled their duties while under the protection of this banner

Jesus, likewise, fulfilled His duties under a banner, “King of the Jews”

Jesus was anointed / consecrated / sealed to this role by His Father