

## Priests and Kings Session 7: *“Equipping the Breastplate”*



### **PRIESTS AND KINGS – SESSION 7 KEY POINTS:**

- In the Ephesians 6 Armor of *Yahweh*, the piece which guards our hearts is the Breastplate of Righteousness.
- Both Israel’s high priests and kings (in battle) wore breastplates, which represent the importance of having Heavenly Protection to guard our hearts in our Calling as priests and kings in *Yahweh’s* Service .
- In a spiritual sense, guarding the heart is guarding our emotions, affiliations, connections, and in choosing that which we love.
- We “wear” the Breastplate by guarding the avenues to the heart/soul.



### *Key Scriptures:* **Ephesians 6:10-18**

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in *Yahweh*, and in the power of His Might. Put on the whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your Loins girt about with Truth, **and having on the Breastplate of Righteousness**; And your feet shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace; Above all, taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

## The Breastplate of Priests and Kings

In Biblical times, both the high priest of Israel and kings wore breastplates. The breastplate of a king was worn as a part of his armor, during battle. The breastplate of the high priest was worn daily, except on the Day of Atonement.

The physical breastplates worn by kings and the high priest are to be worn by us, spiritually.

According to Isaiah 59:17 and Ephesians 6:14, **what is the Breastplate, that we are to wear, daily?**

In Ephesians 6:14, “Breastplate” is translated from the Hebrew word *thorax*, which means:

In Bible times, the breastplate of the armor was supported by shoulder straps, and was also tied to what?

Meaning:



“For **He put on Righteousness as a Breastplate**, and an Helmet of Salvation upon His Head; and He put on the Garments of Vengeance for clothing, and was clad with Zeal as a Cloke.” Isaiah 59:17

“Stand therefore, having your Loins girt about with Truth, and having on the **Breastplate of Righteousness.**” Eph. 6:14

“**Keep thy heart with all diligence;** for out of it are the issues of life.” Proverbs 4:23

What does Proverbs 4:23 tell us to do regarding our hearts?

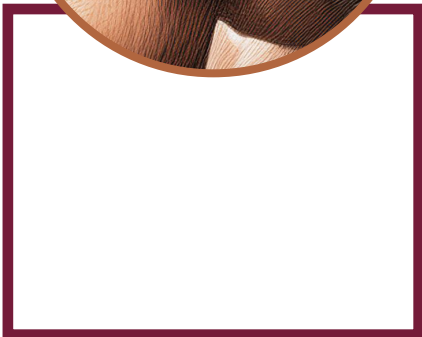
What does this mean?

In a practical sense, what must we guard in order to protect our hearts?





*Wearing the Breastplate to Guard the Avenues of the Soul:*



# Session 7 - Notes:



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## Priests and Kings Session 7 - Discussion:

### Getting the Point of Reference:

—Read James 2:14-26

### Discussion Questions:

- Wearing the Breastplate of Righteousness every day is also called living in Righteousness by Faith. Righteousness is an action word involving what works (see also Deuteronomy 6:25).
- From James 2, what is the difference between “faith” and “belief”?
- What is your most meaningful take-away from today’s session?



### Discussion Scriptures:

“What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. **Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?** Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” James 2:14-26