

URIM & THUMMIM

Exodus 28:30 NIV – Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron's heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD.

DESCRIPTION

Under the regulations of the Old Covenant, the High Priest wore a breastpiece which contained special stones called the Urim & Thummim. Urim means "lights" and Thummim means "perfections." These stones were used as a way of obtaining revelation from the Lord regarding the perfect will of God.

For example, the Urim & Thummim were used to inquire of the Lord for military movements – to move or to stay. (Numbers 27:21) They were used to single out a person within a group – this one or that one. (1 Samuel 14:41) They were also used to determine who was admitted or not – yes or no. (Ezra 2:63; Nehemiah 7:65)

Scripture is not exactly clear how these stones worked. Some say it was like casting lots like a spiritual coin toss. Others say that when a specific question was asked of the Lord, either the Urim or the Thummim would supernaturally illuminate.

Today, in the New Covenant, we have the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us access to guidance from God through direct revelation from our High Priest, Jesus.

Therefore, practicing the Urim & Thummim today is a spiritual exercise about presenting the Lord with a simple question. Yes or no? This one or that one? Which one of these? This way or that way? To go or to stay? Right or left?

He will answer us by the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts. It is as if He presses the answer onto our hearts or illuminates our heart and mind with revelation of God's perfect will for our situation. Then, we can proceed by faith with whatever guidance He supplies, trusting that we are walking in His will for us.



PURPOSE:

To listen to God for His guidance in all situations.

To submit our lives to God's ever-present direction.

To increase in discernment given by the Holy Spirit.

To function in God-given wisdom.

SPIRITUAL FRUIT:

Increased focus on God's voice.

Developing skill in hearing God's voice.

Greater surrender and obedience to God.

Alignment with God's will, perspective, and purpose.

Advancement in God's path for your life.

Wisdom from above.

PRACTICE

1. Think about a situation in your life that you would like God to speak to you about.
2. Narrow the issue down to a simple question.
 - Questions such as: Yes or no? This one or that one? Which one of these?, etc.
3. Ask the Lord your question.
 - Say something like, "Jesus, I ask for your response to: _____."
4. Listen with your heart for what Jesus replies. Be still and wait patiently until you sense that you have received an answer, as if you were standing in front of the High Priest watching for the response of the Urim & Thummim.
 - You might sense a pull or a leaning in your heart towards "yes" or "no" or "none of these."
 - You might have a Scripture verse flash into your mind.
 - You might sense a direction or something the Lord wants you to do other than what you inquired about.
5. Implement whatever Jesus speaks to you.
6. Throughout your day, continue to check in with the Lord to be certain that you are staying in step with Him. The Urim & Thummim exercise can be done anytime and anywhere.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for sending Jesus to be my High Priest who sits at your right hand and knows your perfect will. Thank you that you have put your Spirit within me to receive guidance from you. Help me to seek your guidance continually every moment of the day and to develop the habit of asking for your direction and wisdom with each step I take. Speak to me even now. In Jesus' name, Amen.

NOTES: _____



ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Proverbs 3:5-6
Hebrews 3:7, 15
John 10:3-5
John 16:13
Mark 4:24
Isaiah 30:21

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1 Samuel 14:41
1 Samuel 28:6
Ezra 2:63
Nehemiah 7:65