

In the Old Testament, Aaron was the first high priest of Israel. The high priest of Israel is a picture of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our permanent High Priest today. God instructed that the golden plate of the miter (headdress), which has the Hebrew words *Kadosh Le Yahweh* ("Holiness to the Lord") engraved on it, should always be on the forehead of the high priest so that all Israel would be accepted before God. What this means is that even when Israel failed in their thought life, they were still accepted by God because He judged the nation of Israel based on their high priest. If the high priest was accepted, the entire nation was accepted.

Today we have a perfect High Priest in Christ. It is not your thoughts that qualify you to be accepted by God. Under the new covenant of grace, God is no longer judging you based on your thoughts. God judges you based on His Son. If He is righteous, God sees you as righteous. If He is blessed, God sees you as blessed. If He is under God's unclouded favour, God sees you as under His unclouded favour. If His thoughts are always perfect and filled with holiness unto God, God sees your thoughts as perfect in Christ!

So whenever Satan tries to torment you in your mind, point him to Jesus. Jesus' thoughts are always holy. Remember how the golden plate is always around the forehead of your High Priest, and His thoughts are always filled with holiness to God. Look at Exodus 28:38 again: "It shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord." Therefore, even when your thought life isn't always perfect, know that Jesus' thoughts are always perfect, and it is because of His perfection that you are always accepted in Him before God. God will never reject you because your thoughts are imperfect. He is looking at Jesus, and as long as His thoughts are holy, you are accepted!

Exodus 28:36,38 "Make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD.... It will be on Aaron's forehead, and he will bear the guilt involved in the sacred gifts the Israelites consecrate, whatever their gifts may be. It will be on Aaron's forehead continually so that they will be acceptable to the LORD."