**R844 (81) Rumination for 28 March 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **The Garments of the Lord** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *All* ***thy garments*** *smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces,*

 *whereby they have made thee glad.* Psa. 45:8

The **T**hots:

1. **The King in His Glorious Garments. Psa. 45:6-8**
2. His **R**ighteous **R**eign **R**ejoices all – *the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right scepter.*

 *Thou lovest righteousness.*

– *thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

1. His **R**oyal **R**obe was Fragrant. – *all thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia*
2. His **R**esidence was of Ivory – *out of the ivory palaces*
3. **The Baby wrapped in his Bands of Cloth. Lk. 2:12,** NRSV

 *This will be a sign for you: you will find a* ***C****hild wrapped in bands of* ***C****loth and lying in a manger.*

1. Instead of **W**earing royal robes, He came to earth **W**rapped *in swaddling clothes*. KJV
2. Instead of **L**iving in an ivory palace, He was born ***L****ying in a manger*.
3. **The Servant Tied with a Towel around himself Jn. 13:4,** NRSV

*…got up from the table, took off His outer robe, and tied a towel around Himself.*

1. So He took off His **G**arment of **G**lory, and **S**erved as a **S**ervant.
2. So He **W**ashed the disciples' feet and **W**iped them with the **T**owel that was **T**ied around Him. Jn. 13:5
	1. Cf. He … *took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.* Cf. Phil. 2:7
	2. And … *being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself.*  Phil. 2:8a
3. **The Man Stripped and wearing a Scarlet Robe. Matt. 27:28**

*And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe.*

1. He was the **S**potless Man, taking the place of **S**inful Man. II Cor. 5:21

*He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made*

*the righteousness of God in Him*.

1. He wore the **C**rown of thorns – the **C**urse of Man. Gen. 3:17, 18 cf. Gal. 3:13

*Unto Adam He said, Because thou…hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake…Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee;*

*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written,*

*Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:* Gal. 3:14

1. His enemies **C**rowned Him “King of the Jews” and **C**ried out, “**C**rucify Him”. Jn. 19:2, 3, 6

*The soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head…and said, Hail, King of the Jews!...*

 *Pilate saith unto them, Take ye Him, and crucify Him: for I find no fault in Him.*

1. **Jesus wrapped in a clean linen cloth. Mt. 27:59**

*And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,*

1. Jesus was **wrapped** in swaddling clothes at His **B**irth. Lk. 2:7

*She brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger.*

1. Jesus was **wrapped** *in a clean linen cloth* for His **B**urial. Mt. 27:59, 60
2. Jesus left behind His linen clothes …**wrapped** together in a place by itself in His **R**esurrection. Jn. 20:7

*The napkin… about His head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself*.

1. **The Son of Man dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet Rev. 1:13**

 *"like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to His feet and with a golden sash around His chest.*

 This was the robe of the High Priest:

1. Seeing then that we have a great **H**igh **P**riest that is passed into the heavens… Heb. 4:14a

 ***Let us*** *hold fast our profession.* 4:14b

1. And having an **H**igh **P**riest over the house of God; Heb. 10:21-25
	1. **Let** ***us*** *draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,*

*having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

* 1. ***Let* *us*** *hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;)*
	2. ***Let us*** *consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is;*

 *but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

* ***LET US*** therefore today remember the Lord as we are commanded to “*till He come*” I Cor. 11:26

***For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.***

*Who is He in yonder stall, At whose feet the shepherds fall?*

*Who is He on yonder tree Dies in grief and agony?*

*Who is He Who from the grave Comes to succour, help and save?*

*Who is He Who from His throne Rules through all the worlds alone?*

***’Tis the Lord! O wondrous story! ’Tis the Lord, the King of Glory!***

 ***At His feet we humbly fall – Crown Him! Crown Him, Lord of all!*** Benjamin R. Hanby

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK. R. 844**

1. The Lord put on a variety of garments at various stages of His life to fit in with the particular role He was performing at each stage.

Believers who are born again are also to “***put off***” and “***put on***” certain “garments” to demonstrate who they are in their Christian life.

They start by putting off the old nature, and putting on the new that is in Christ, as:

**Eph. 4:22, 24** - *ye* ***put off*** *concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts…and that ye* ***put on*** *the new man,*

*which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

Essentially, all believers in Christ are

**Gal. 3:27** - to be baptized and to put on Christ, i.e. to let Christ live out His life in and through them, as Paul declared in Gal. 2:20, *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*

*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have* ***put on*** *Christ.*

This process of “***putting off***” and “***putting on***” is an instant changing of “clothes” without allowing time to come in between. There is no time interval between “***putting off***” and “***putting on***”.

What other changes of “clothes” are needed in this new life?

Paul mentions specific “*clothes*” of our former way of life that we must **put off** and the new garments that we are to **put on** to demonstrate this new Christ-life in us. Thus:

**Col. 3:8-10, 12-14 -**  *But now ye also* ***put off*** *all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth*. *Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have* ***put off*** *the old man with his deeds; And have* ***put on*** *the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him:* ***Put on*** *therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.*

* *And above all these things* ***put on*** *charity, which is the bond of perfectness.*

In the meanwhile, while waiting for our final change of clothings, let us heed…

 **Eph. 6:11-13 *-*** *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, 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.*

 **II Peter 1:14 -** *Knowing that shortly I must* ***put off*** *this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me*.

At the end of it all, finally when we are to this leave this world below, we shall then **put on** new eternal clothes where we do not need to change any more. For then…

**I Cor. 15:53, 54** - *this corruptible must* ***put on*** *incorruption, and this mortal must* ***put on*** *immortality. So when this corruptible shall have* ***put on*** *incorruption, and this mortal shall have* ***put on*** *immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.* What “clothes” or “garments” are you wearing now? **REFLECT**

1. Lately certain noted preachers, evangelists, pastors as well as nominal “professors” well-recognised for their *Christian* garments were reported to have committed heinous crimes of immorality against innocent women and mass murder of innocent parties leading societies and communities to question the legitimacy of the “Christian” religion and condemn it outright. How does this news affect you? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** “***C****lothes make the* ***M****an*” – Mark Twain.

 **C**an “***C****hristian*” **C**lothes **M**ark the **C**hrist-**M**an out?