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- Romans 8:18-21; 6:1-23
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- Luke 5:33-39; 9:1-2;
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It would seem that in creation mankind was clothed only in the skin on his body and in that form he reflected the glory of God. Something happened when sin came into the world. He looked upon the glory of his own body, and instead of seeing the glory of God, he became afraid and attempted to cover what he now saw as "nakedness." What took place next has great prophetic significance. God saw man's new sense of embarrassment over his original glory and accommodated him by causing him to be covered with a "new skin", an animal skin, a certain downgrade.

This downgrade would now plague mankind into the future and does not seem to have a complete resolution until the revealing of the sons of God, at which time "creation is restored." Our ultimate hope is to be clothed with a restored heavenly image so we shall not be found naked, like Adam.

The theme of being clothed in either sin and shame or glory and righteousness, is something that is well-defined in the life of Joseph. And we will see the exact pattern in the life of every believer as he is sanctified from glory to glory. And putting on a new skin that reflects this glory is something that our Savior taught about in a short parable: "No one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new

wineskins, and both are preserved.” Time to put on your new wineskin!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“Then Pharaoh took his **signet ring** off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he **clothed him in garments** of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “**Bow the knee!**” So he set him over all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “**I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.**” And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name **Zaphnath-Paaneah**. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.” Genesis 41:42-45 NKJV

“So the **king took off his signet ring**, which he had taken from Haman, and **gave it to Mordecai**; and **Esther appointed Mordecai** over the house of Haman.” Esther 8:2 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

Then He spoke a parable to them: “**No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one**; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the

old. And **no one puts new wine into old wineskins**; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. **But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved.** And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.' "" Luke 5:36-39 NKJV

“For in this we groan, earnestly desiring **to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven**, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.” II Corinthians 5:2-3 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. In our last portion, after Joseph's encouraging interpretation of the cupbearer's dream, he requests; *“Remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house.”* (Genesis 40:14) *“Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.”* (Genesis 40:23)
2. This portion begins by informing us that it was not until two full years after Joseph asked the cupbearer to “remember him” upon his release that he even gives Joseph a second thought. *“Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh had a*

dream; and behold, he stood by the river.” (Genesis 41) You can see that teaching here: [Between Two Verses: Prepped for Power](#)

3. This portion is about Pharaoh's dreams, Joseph's interpretations of those dreams, and his subsequent rise to power over Egypt. When a famine strikes the land of Canaan, his brothers come to Egypt seeking grain, but they do not recognize Joseph, who engineers a means by which he can test their character. You can see last year's teaching on this portions here: [The Faithful and Wise Servant](#)
4. Two full years after the cup bearer is released from prison and has forgotten about Joseph, Pharaoh has two dreams.
5. **First Dream:** seven cows, fine looking and fat and seven other cows ugly and gaunt, and the ugly and gaunt cows eat up the seven fine looking and fat cows.
6. **Second Dream:** seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, plump and good (Think Menorah/Lampstand) and also seven thin heads, blighted by the east wind, spring up after them and devour the seven plump and full heads.
7. None of Egypt's wise men could interpret the dreams for Pharaoh.
8. **Enter the cupbearer who was with Joseph in prison:** “I remember my faults this day, I and the chief baker each had a dream with its own interpretation.”

9. A young Hebrew man interpreted our dreams and they came to pass, just as he interpreted.
10. Pharaoh sends for Joseph—I have heard it said *that* you can understand a dream, to interpret it.” Joseph says, “*It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.*”
11. Pharaoh describes both dreams with one piece added in his description (from what he told his wise men): “When they had eaten them up, no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they *were* just as ugly as at the beginning.”
12. Joseph tells Pharaoh two times that God is showing him something! “The dreams of Pharaoh *are* one; **God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do.**” “This *is* the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He *is* about to do.”
13. Seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; but after that, seven years of famine will arise.
14. The dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.
15. Joseph’s recommendation: “Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a **discerning and wise man**, and set him over the land of Egypt”
16. **Pharaoh:** “Can we find *such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?*” “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, *there is* no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over

my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” “I *am* Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.”

17. Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. So it has been a 13-14 year journey from favor in his father’s house with his fancy coat, to slave, to favor in Potiphar’s house, to prison, to favor with the prison warden, to this moment as he stands before Pharaoh and find unimaginable favor as he is set in charge over the most powerful nation in the world. The final preparation for faithfully stewarding that power and authority is what took place in those final two years Joseph was “forgotten” in prison. Again, if you have not, please see last week’s teaching: [Between Two Verses: Prepped for Power](#)
18. For seven plentiful years Joseph gathered up all the food and it was so abundant that it was immeasurable.
19. Joseph has two sons during that time: the name of the firstborn Manasseh and the second he called Ephraim:
20. Seven years of famine began and Joseph opened the storehouses and the Egyptians and all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy *grain*.

21. Jacob tells his 10 sons to go down to Egypt to get food for their survival. And he keeps Benjamin back (for fear of losing him).
22. And Joseph's brothers arrive in Egypt and bow down before him, just like first dream he had: *"There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."* (Genesis 37:7)
23. Joseph recognized them but they, do not recognize him (realize that he is 20 years older than when they sold him to the Ishmaelites, plus he is dressed and made up like Egyptian royalty).
24. And they said, "We come from the land of Canaan to buy food."
25. But, instead of treating them like all the others coming to Egypt to buy food, he accuses them of being spies! (He is clearly angry.)
26. They explain that they are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and in fact, the youngest is home with their father, and one other has died. (Joseph realizes that the twelfth brother was born after he was sold into slavery.)
27. To test them Joseph says: "Bring your youngest brother here; you shall be kept in prison to see if there is any truth in you." He puts them all together in prison for three days.

28. Joseph then says, "I fear God" so If you are honest men, let one of your brothers be confined and you go home with grain and bring your brother back to me.
29. The brothers realize this is Yahweh's punishment for their sin against Joseph.
30. Reuben reminds them that HE DID NOT AGREE WITH THEIR PLANS to get rid of Joseph.
31. Meanwhile, Joseph is listening as they did not know that Joseph understood them, for he spoke to them through an interpreter.
32. Joseph wept privately and then takes Simeon from them and binds him before their eyes.
33. The brothers return to Canaan with some food and tell Jacob all that happened. They are horrified along the way when they realize their silver was returned to their sacks. (Joseph had secretly commanded their money be returned when their sacks were filled with food.)
34. They ultimately must convince Jacob to let them take Benjamin back with them and first Reuben, and then Judah make personal guarantees of Benjamin's safety.
35. **Background:** Why are Reuben and Judah the key figures here?
 - a) Remember, at first the brothers wanted to simply kill Joseph: *"Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.'*

We shall see what will become of his dreams!”” (Genesis 37:20)

- b) And Reuben was the one who originally did not want Joseph harmed: *“And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him” —that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.”* Genesis 37:22
- c) And Judah was the one who ruined Reuben’s scheme by convincing the brothers to sell him out of the pit: *“So Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh.” And his brothers listened.”* (Genesis 37:26-27)
- d) And it seems that Reuben did not know the brothers had agreed to that because when he returned to rescue Joseph, the pit is empty: *“Then Reuben returned to the pit, and indeed Joseph was not in the pit; and he tore his clothes. And he returned to his brothers and said, “The lad is no more; and I, where shall I go?””* (Genesis 37:29-30)

36. Joseph’s Brothers return with Benjamin and Jacob insists they do so with twice the silver, plus many other gifts to give the “man.”

37. When Joseph saw Benjamin he orders a feast, but the brothers are petrified because of the money thing. They feel they are getting called before him for punishment.
38. Joseph's steward tells them to relax and not to be afraid, as their God must have given them a treasure because he still had their money. (He is likely the one who was in charge of secretly retuning their money at Joseph's command.)
39. Joseph inquires about his father: "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"
40. Then he sees his brother Benjamin, and he goes off to weep privately.
41. He provides Benjamin five times as much food as his brothers.
42. Joseph sends his brothers back home, but again puts their silver back in their belongings, plus places his own silver cup into Benjamin's sack.
43. When they were not yet far off, Joseph sends servants to accuse someone of stealing it. His brothers promise not one of them could do such a thing and they offer the life of anyone he finds guilty.
44. The cup was found in Benjamin's sack and the brother are horrified.
45. The portion ends with Joseph telling them that they are free to go but must leave the "guilty party" as his slave!

CLOTHES SHOPPING

1. What you are wearing matters!

A. Joseph's Journey of Clothes Shopping

(1) A coat of many colors—the favorite

(a) “Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.” Genesis 37:3 NKJV

(2) Stripped of his coat of many colors

(a) “So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they **stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him. [Here they take off his garment as he is stripped from his current position as he is about to have a shift...later the new garment he gets from Potiphar is what is used to accuse him of rape, and he makes yet another shift in position.]** Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it.”
Genesis 37:23-24 NKJV

(3) Made ruler over Potiphar's house—a new overseer garment

(a) “And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. **So Joseph found favor in his sight,** and served him. Then

he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. So it was, from the time that he had made him **overseer** of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. **Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand,** and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance." Genesis 39:3-6 NKJV **[Notice that Joseph had to be stripped of his "last garment" to step into this new position. Painful but necessary!]**

- (4) Stripped of his coat of authority over Potiphar's house and sent to prison
- (a) "Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, **"The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me;** so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that **he left his garment with me** and fled outside."" **[First he was stripped of his garment by his brothers, a death of self necessary for Joseph to step into his new position, and now again he is stripped of his garment as he is about to shift into yet another position!]** Genesis 39:17-18 NKJV

- (5) Made ruler over the prison—a new “prison overseer” garment
- (a) “The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph’s authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.” Genesis 39:23 NKJV
- (6) Called out of prison and given a new garment of rulership
- (a) “Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, **changed his clothing**, and came to Pharaoh.” Genesis 41:14 NKJV
- (7) This time the rulership is not over his family, or a household, or an institution, but over a nation!
- (a) “You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, **I have set you over all the land of Egypt.**”” Genesis 41:40-41 NKJV
- (8) The Stamp of authority and Joseph’s final clothing!
- (a) “Then Pharaoh took his **signet ring** off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he **clothed him in garments of fine linen** and put a gold chain around his neck.” Genesis 41:42 NKJV

B. The Believer's Journey of Clothes Shopping

- (1) At first, mankind was naked (clothed only in the skin God gave him), but not until sin came into the world was that skin thought to be NOT GOOD!
 - (a) “Then the **eyes of both of them were opened**, and they knew that **they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.” Genesis 3:7 NKJV
- (2) Who told you that you had no coverings (garments) on?
 - (a) “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and **I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.**” And He said, “**Who told you that you were naked?** Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”” Genesis 3:8-11 NKJV
- (3) Your new garments (of shame) come with curses, first for the devil, then for the woman, then for the man!
 - (a) “So the LORD God said **to the serpent**: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And

more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put **enmity** Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." **To the woman** He said: "I will greatly **multiply your sorrow** and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you." Then **to Adam** He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "**Cursed is the ground for your sake;** In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.'" Genesis 3:14-19 NKJV

- (4) Then God covers the "glory shown by man's original garment" and clothes them with the skin of "animals". Then He removes them from the garden and prevents them from reentering, thus preventing access to the tree of life!

- (a) “Also for Adam and his wife **the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.** Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become **like one of Us, to know good and evil.** And now, **lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever**”—” Genesis 3:21-22 NKJV
- (b) “therefore the LORD God **sent him out of the garden** of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to guard the way to the tree of life.**” Genesis 3:23-24 NKJV
- (5) Two Prophetic notes here:
- (a) **One:** the knowledge of good and evil is not bad; as you can see it makes man “like” God. That is a good thing, but the way they went about is a bad thing. In the end, that very knowledge of good and evil will be the sign of a mature believer.
- (b) **Two:** “For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of **full age**, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses

exercised **to discern both good and evil.**" Hebrews 5:13-14 NKJV

(6) And that curse (of creation) will stay in effect until the believer comes to maturity and we see those "animal skins" removed, once again revealing the glory of God.

(a) "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also **will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**" Romans 8:18-21 NKJV

(7) New Creation

(a) **New Creation:** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new.**" II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

(b) **New Man:** "that you **put off**, concerning your former conduct, **the old man** which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you **put on the new man which was**

created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:22-24 NKJV

- (c) **No longer I who live:** “I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20 NKJV

- (8) The Animal Skins must come off, but you will not be left naked?

- (a) **Our hope is that we shall not be found naked**—“For we know that if our **earthly house**, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, **earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.** For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, **not because we want to be unclothed**, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.” II Corinthians 5:1-5 NKJV

- (b) **Clothed in Fine Linen**—“Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and

do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, **and naked**— I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; **and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed;** and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.” Revelation 3:17-18 NKJV

Summary: CLOTHES SHOPPING—What you are wearing matters!

- 1) Joseph had four distinct seasons in his life, all accentuated by extreme highs and lows, and all which had transitions marked by the clothes on his back.
- 2) He wore a coat of many colors, which was then stripped off by the jealousy and envy of his brothers.
- 3) He went “naked of his past glory” into slavery and then was clothed with authority and honor in the house of Potiphar.
- 4) He was stripped again of that garment by the sexual sin, and lies and deceit of Potiphar’s wife.
- 5) He landed in prison wearing the garments of persecution and injustice, but again rose to a position of authority and honor.
- 6) Yet, he remained in prison longer than he could imagine, as the garments of injustice, frustration, bitterness, and self-doubt, settled on him.

- 7) Then, he was “suddenly” pulled from prison and one final time was given a new set of garments; this time the garments of Authority, Glory, Honor, and Power.
- 8) What we should recognize is that all believers go through this same stripping and re-clothing process, over and over again, as we are sanctified from glory to glory.
- 9) We notice that this is exactly what happened in reverse in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Even were first clothed in a “naked skin” of such glory that they literally reflected the image of God.
- 10) Then sin caused their nakedness to turn to shame and God covered them in a “new Skin”, a lesser skin.
- 11) Mankind has been making his way back to that glory ever since!
- 12) We must put off the “old man” and put on the “new Man, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, so we shall not be found ashamed of our nakedness as was Adam!

NEW WINESKINS

2. No one puts new wine into old wineskins!

A. Joseph’s Final Landing

- (1) Over all the land of Egypt

(a) “Then Pharaoh took his **signet ring** off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he **clothed him in garments** of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “**Bow the knee!**” So he set him over all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “**I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.**” And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name **Zaphnath-Paaneah**. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.” Genesis 41:42-45 NKJV

1. Signet Hebrew: טַבְּעָתוֹ (ṭab·ba‘·tōw) Strong's Hebrew 2885: signet ring (as symbol of authority)
2. See [Suffer Well Devotion](#) on the King’s Signet at the end of these notes. This is a devotional series I co-wrote many years ago with my brother, still-in-chains Michael Beiter.
3. Zaphnath-Paaneah: פַּעֲנָתָא (pa‘·nê·ah) Strong's Hebrew 6847: treasury of the glorious rest'; the god speaks and he lives"

B. A new purpose calls for a new garment!

(1) New Wineskins (also Matthew 9:14-17, Mark 2:18-22)

(a) “Then they said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?” And He said to them, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? **But the days will come** when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then **they will fast in those days.**” Then He spoke a parable to them: “**No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one;** otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. And **no one puts new wine into old wineskins;** or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. **But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, ‘The old is better.’”” Luke 5:33-39 NKJV**

C. **What does “And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, ‘The old is better’” look like?**

(1) Finally a perfect perspective of Romans 6. You will never read it the with the same eyes again!

(a) “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! **How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even **so we also should walk in newness of life.** For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, **knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with,** that we should no longer be slaves of sin. **For he who has died has been freed from sin.** Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin,** but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your**

members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as **instruments of righteousness** to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! **Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?** But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. **And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.** I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. **But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God,** you

have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:1-23 NKJV

- (2) Don't go back to your dirt or vomit!
- (a) “For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: **“A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”**” II Peter 2:20-22 NKJV
- (b) **Strong language for a man who does such things:** “Like the legs of the lame that hang limp Is a proverb in the mouth of **fools**. Like one who binds a stone in a sling Is he who gives honor to a **fool**. Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard Is a proverb in the mouth of fools. The great God who formed everything Gives the fool his hire and the transgressor his wages. **As a dog**

returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly. Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him." Proverbs 26:7-12 NKJV

(3) Don't forget! Don't go back!

(a) "For he who lacks these things [What things? Actively building on your faith in this order: virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love] is shortsighted, even to blindness, and **has forgotten** that he was cleansed from his old sins." II Peter 1:9 NKJV

(b) "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived.** Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners **will inherit the kingdom of God.**" I Corinthians 6:9-10 NKJV

Summary: NEW WINESKINS—No one puts new wine into old wineskins!

1) We learn that in each new season of life in which a new garment of authority and power is given, the transference is much like that of a king placing his signet ring into your possession.

- 2) Yes, with that transference comes tremendous responsibility, and it simply will not work if you insist on staying in your “old skin.”
- 3) Y’shua said it this way: *“No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”*
- 4) In the same teaching, He also warned of the seductiveness of going back to the “old wine” which will absolutely dull the desire for the “new.” Of course, if you choose to go back to the old wine, which requires no “new skin,” you might just remain in that old skin!
- 5) The New Testament is replete with warnings against such temptations, none better than Paul’s words in Romans 6, *“How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”* And again in 1 Corinthians 6, *“Do not be deceived, no one going back to their old sins will inherit the kingdom of God.”*
- 6) And, of course, Peter says it so well in 2 Peter, as he compares those who once again get entangled in the *“pollutions of the world,”* to dogs returning to eat their own vomit or clean pigs

heading back to wallow in the mud. Peter pulls this idea from Solomon in Proverbs 26, *“As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.”* Peter also famously warns us all in 2 Peter that the single greatest risk to our full development as disciples is *“forgetting we are ALREADY cleansed from those past sins.”* In other words, DON'T GO BACK THERE!

CLOTHED IN NEW GARMENTS

3. The Transfer of Authority, Glory, Honor, and Power

A. Clothed in Authority

(1) The Signet

- (a) **“Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand;** and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” So he set him over all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.” Genesis 41:42-45 NKJV

1. Signet Hebrew: טַבְּעָתוֹ (ṭab·ba'·tōw) Strong's Hebrew 2885: signet ring (as symbol of authority)
 2. See [Suffer Well Devotion](#) on the King's Signet at the End of the notes.
 3. **The transfer of authority:** “So the king **[prophetic of the Father]** took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and **gave it to Mordecai**; and **[queen] Esther appointed [prophetic of the Spirit doing the anointing]** Mordecai **[prophetic of the Son and by extension His joint heirs—the Church receiving the authority]** over the house of Haman.”
Esther 8:2 NKJV
 4. Signet: a small seal, especially one set in a ring, used instead of or with a signature to give authentication to an official document or decree. To give authentication, or in other words, to verify, validate, certify, substantiate and endorse that the one authenticating has the authority to authenticate.
- (2) See this distinction—Pharaoh did not just “seal” Joseph with his ring as if he was authorizing or recognizing him—HE GAVE HIM THE RING ITSELF transferring the power to

authorize! Who is your king and what power did he transfer to you?

- (a) “But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, **He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords**, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, **to whom be honor and everlasting power**. Amen.” I Timothy 6:11-16 NKJV
- (3) All authority—“Go therefore”!
 - (a) “Then He called His twelve disciples together and **gave them power and authority** over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” Luke 9:1-2 NKJV

- (b) “And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, **I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:18-19 NKJV
- (c) “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”
Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

B. Clothed in Glory and Righteousness

(1) Garments of Fine Linen

- (a) “Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; **and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.** And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” So he set him over all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.”

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1. Zaphnath-Paaneah: פַּעֲנָתַיִךְ (pa'·nê·ah) Strong's Hebrew 6847: treasury of the **glorious rest**'; the god speaks and he lives".

(2) Prophecy

- (a) "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall **be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,** As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." Isaiah 61:10-11 NKJV

(3) From Glory to Glory

- (a) "Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with

unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”¹¹

Corinthians 3:16-18 NKJV

(4) Clothed in Righteousness—new garments

- (a) “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” **And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.** Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.” And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”” Revelation 19:7-10 NKJV

(5) Positional Righteousness

- (a) “For you are all sons of God **through faith** in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**” Galatians 3:26-27 NKJV

(b) “Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were **pleading through us**: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, **that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**” II

Corinthians 5:20-21 NKJV

(6) Personal Righteousness

(a) “And having been set free from sin, you became **slaves of righteousness.**” Romans 6:18 NKJV

(b) **Pursue Righteousness**: “But you, O man of God, flee these things and **pursue righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.” I Timothy 6:11 NKJV

(c) **Pursue Righteousness**: “Flee also youthful lusts; but **pursue righteousness**, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” II Timothy 2:22 NKJV

(d) **Instruction in Righteousness**: “and that from childhood you have **known the Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for **instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God

may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:15-17 NKJV

C. Clothed in Honor

(1) Bow Your Knees Before Him

(a) "Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; **and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!"** So he set him over all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt." Genesis 41:42-45 NKJV

(2) Two Dreams—Bowing sheaves and sun, and moon, and stars

(a) "There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed **your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.**" Genesis 37:7 NKJV

(b) “Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, “Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, **the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.**”” Genesis 37:9 NKJV

(3) His Glory; Your Glory

(a) **Every Knee Will Bow**—“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV

(b) **For your Glory**—“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages **for our glory**,” I Corinthians 2:7 NKJV

(4) Glorious Liberty

(a) “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory which shall be revealed in us.**” Romans 8:18 NKJV

(5) The Light—He is the light; you are the light

(a) “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “**I am the light of the world.** He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”” John 8:12 NKJV

- (b) “**Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16 NKJV

D. Clothed in Power

(1) Over All the Land of Egypt

- (a) “Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” So he set him over all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “**I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.**” And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.” Genesis 41:42-45 NKJV

(2) Power for the Believer

- (a) **Divine Power**—“as His **divine power** has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,” II Peter 1:3 NKJV

- (b) **Resurrection Power**—“and what is the **exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe,** according to the working of **His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,” Ephesians 1:19-20 NKJV
- (c) **Ask For Anything**—“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that **whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.**” (John 15:16 NKJV) ““These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. **In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you,** because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”” John 16:25-28 NKJV
- (d) **Power Over**—“Then He called His twelve disciples together and **gave them power and authority** over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach

the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” Luke 9:1-2
NKJV

- (3) New wine requires a new wineskin; Fresh authority, righteousness, honor, and power require us to put the new garment of a new creation.
- (a) **The Old:** “Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a **tunic of many colors.**” Genesis 37:3
- (b) **The New:** “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation; old things have passed away;** behold, all things have become new.” II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Summary: CLOTHED IN NEW GARMENTS—The Transfer of Authority, Glory, Honor, and Power

1. The transference of power and authority that we see from Pharaoh to Joseph is the same pattern we see in the book of Esther.
2. Esther 8:2 beautifully depicts how the complete nature of God (the Father, Holy Spirit and Son) is on full display. The King (the Father) hands the signet (Authority) to Mordecai (the Son), and Queen Esther (the Spirit) does the appointing (empowering) of Mordecai (the Son). What a magnificent display!

3. There is only one true King who has been given all authority and He has passed that authority onto us. We must be ready!
4. *“Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.”* (Genesis 37:3) We learn that the final garment that we wear is also a coat of “many colors.” It has these beautiful hues: the glory of authority, righteousness, honor, and power.
5. Wear it well my friends; wear it well!

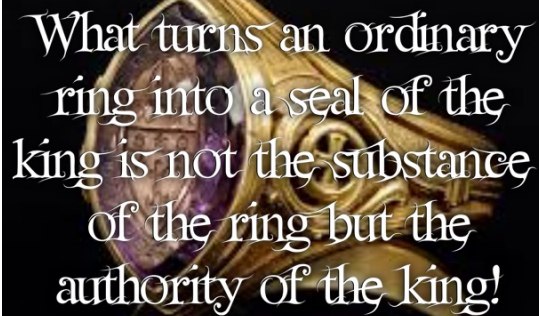
QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. Describe and discuss the rise and fall and rise again in the life of Joseph.**
 - A. Relate his journey by using the “clothes on his back” as indicators of his status.
- 2. Think about Adam and Eve in the Garden:**
 - A. What were they wearing before the fall?
 - B. What did they “realize” after the fall and what did they do about it?
 - C. After God questioned them about what they felt about being naked, what did He do as a result of their answer?
- 3. Relate what God did with Adam and Eve’s “nakedness” to the following:**

- A. Joseph's journey of suffering on the way to leadership in Egypt.
 - B. The Christian journey of suffering on the way to becoming like Christ.
- 4. Y'shua said, "No one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved." Relate this message to:**
- A. Joseph's journey of suffering on the way to leadership in Egypt.
 - B. The Christian journey of suffering on the way to becoming like Christ.
- 5. Pharaoh lifted Joseph to second in command over all of Egypt in Genesis 41:42-45. Discuss the following:**
- A. The transfer of Authority, Glory, Honor, and Power.
 - B. The use of the Signet Ring and all it represents.

The King's Signet

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authentication, or in other words, to verify, validate, certify, substantiate and endorse that the one authenticating has the authority to authenticate.

It takes the power and authority of a king to turn a ring into a signet. Here in Esther, the Hebrew word is *tabbaath* (tab-bah'-ath), the simple word for ring, not *chotham* (kho-thawm'), which is actually the word for signet or signet ring. What turns a *tabbaath*, an ordinary ring, into a *chotham*, a seal of the king, is not the substance of the ring but the authority of the king!

When Esther took from the estate (power, dominion and wealth) of Haman and gave it to Mordecai, she was acting under the transference of power from the king. We see this demonstrated so clearly in Yahweh's anointing of Moses to free His people. The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. Yahweh had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave

them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians. (Exodus 12:35-36) This was not Moses' authority, but Yahweh's authority displayed through Moses. You too were chosen as a vessel through which His power and authority should be displayed.

Yahshua said, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me." (Matthew 28:18) He gave them [disciples] power and authority to drive out all adversaries and to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of the Almighty and to heal the sick. (Luke 9:1-2) He has "given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy [carnal thoughts]; nothing will harm you. (Luke 10:19)

Oftentimes the signet mark is made by pressing the seal of the king into hot wax. The life of a chosen one is exactly the same. Yahshua's signet brands you by fire and water with instant authority. Whoever bears His mark is sealed and authenticated. The Spirit of Yahweh has placed a seal on you; it seals you until your final destination. "Do not grieve the Spirit with Who you were sealed for the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30) The idea of redemption is the key here. It is the Hebrew [gheh-ool-law: the distinction and deliverance of chosen children ransomed by Yahweh.]

You bear this seal of release on your life. You walk with the authority of the Most High upon you and His Power is available to you. The power will manifest only when He who has sealed you takes precedence over he who has been sealed. Far too often we "go" instead of being "released," hoping that His anointing will chase us. We reason, "After all, I am His child." Unfortunately, this "going" is the attitude of prodigals.

As much as the seal says we are released, it offers and announces something far greater. It says, "I am His to be used His way and for His glory." This fuels the great contention in the mind that believes it

still has choices. A mind that opposes His will is the great obstacle of man. It trusts in the assurance of redemption while maintaining wrong ideas about salvation. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation [salvation in Hebrew is yesh-oo-aw: welfare, prosperity, deliverance, preservation, safety; yes, this is the Messiah's name] of your souls [in Hebrew, neh-fesh: the breath and vitality of your mind and will, affecting your emotions]. (1 Peter 1:8-9)

Your release was caused by the payment of a ransom (redemption) and is assured; what yet remains is the goal of your faith, the welfare, prosperity, deliverance, preservation, and safety (salvation) of your mind, will and emotions (your soul)!

Yes loved one, your eternity is secure; it's the present welfare of your mind that's in question.

*See [Suffer Well Devotion](#)