



## Portion:

## Title:

### SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 6:8-8:36
- John 19:42-20:10
- John 11:1-44

### FOLDED HANDKERCHIEFS

- Dress the Part
- Disrobe and Fold
- Laundry Services

*Everything was so precise, so deliberate. Many of the details are easy to overlook, especially when they are meant to be mysterious. Don't let that scare you; you were designed to be a spiritual detective. It may not come easy, and it may not seem natural, but I assure you, the longer you stare at them, the more they come into focus.*

*They often look like those squiggly, blurry, and obscure pictures that initially appear to be something born from an accident of spilled paint cans. But, if you stare long enough, and you adjust your vision against what seems natural, all of a sudden the once meaningless painting comes into focus. And what's even more exciting is that it's not even limited to two dimensions, but has images with multiple dimensions that change when viewed from multiple angles.*

*And that is exactly how it feels when you stare intently at God's Word, and maybe in a way that seems a bit against what feels natural. It's like trying to piece together the details of an incident by compiling the testimony of many witnesses, all standing in different locations. Imagine a circle of bystanders watching the same complex event. Then, interview everyone and compose a separate narrative using each individual testimony. As you study each viewpoint, you will realize that the further apart the angle of observation, the more varying the account. The secret to a full, multidimensional account of reality would be to piece them all together, in an overlapping series of statements. It may seem very squiggly, blurry, and obscure at first, but take your time, adjust your vision, and when it all comes into focus, you will see a glorious reality you never thought possible.*

*This is the deliberate style in which we are presented God's Word. Of course, it is not meant to make you doubt or leave you confused—quite the contrary. It should inspire you to search deeper, to strain your vision until the glorious multidimensional multi-angle picture becomes clear. Yes, it's precise and deliberate, and it's exactly why, when Y'shua resurrected, He left His face covering in the tomb, "folded together in a place all by itself."*

## THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

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

“Then they took the body of Jesus, **and bound it in strips of linen** with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.” John 19:40 NKJV

“Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and **he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.**” John 20:6-7 NKJV

## Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This portion reviews the five types of sacrifices introduced in the previous portion, but this time discusses the priestly regulations pertaining to them. The last chapter of the reading

describes the seven-day ordination period of Aaron and his sons conducted by Moses, as they prepared to enter the holy priesthood.

## **Leviticus 6**

### **2. The Law of the Burnt Offering:**

- a) The offering is burnt all night.
- b) The priest collects the ashes wearing one set of garments, and then changes garments to carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.
- c) The fire must be kept burning continuously and never go out.

### **3. The Law of the Grain Offering:**

- a) Burn some as a memorial and the rest is for the priest to eat in the court of the tabernacle.
- b) It can't ever be baked with leaven and everyone who touches them must be holy.
- c) The part that is offered shall be wholly burned. It shall not be eaten.

### **4. The Law of the Sin Offering:**

- a) Kill this offering in the same place you kill the burnt offering.
- b) The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it in the court of the tabernacle.
- c) Any garment with blood on it must be washed in the holy place.

- d) Any vessel in which it was boiled shall be broken.
- e) But, no sin offering from which *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of meeting, to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall be eaten. It shall be burned in the fire.

## **Leviticus 7**

### **5. The Law of the Trespass Offering:**

- a) In the place where they kill the burnt offering they shall kill the trespass offering.
- b) Sprinkle blood all around on the altar.
- c) Burn the fat on the altar.
- d) The trespass offering *is* like the sin offering; *there is* one law for them both: the priest who makes atonement with it shall have *it*.
- e) The priest who offers anyone's burnt offering shall have its skin, like the priest who offers the baked grain shall have it for himself.
- f) Every other grain offering, *whether* mixed with oil or dry, shall belong to all the sons of Aaron, to one *as much* as the other.

### **6. The Law of Peace Offerings:**

- a) If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil.

- b) Plus offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering.
- c) Offer one cake from each offering as a heave offering to the Lord. It shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering.
- d) The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning.
- e) But if the sacrifice of his offering *is* a vow or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the remainder of it also may be eaten.
- f) The remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day must be burned with fire. Any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering eaten on the third day shall not be accepted, nor shall it be imputed to him; it shall be an abomination *to* him who offers it, and the person who eats of it shall bear guilt.
- g) The flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire.
- h) And as for the clean flesh, all who are clean may eat of it. But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace

offering that *belongs* to the Lord, while he is unclean, that person shall be cut off from his people.

- i) Moreover the person who touches any unclean thing, *such as* human uncleanness, *an* unclean animal, or any abominable unclean thing, and who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offering that *belongs* to the Lord, that person shall be cut off from his people.

#### 7. **Fat and Blood May Not Be Eaten:**

- a) You shall not eat any fat, of ox or sheep or goat.
- b) You shall not eat any blood; whoever eats fat or blood, that person shall be cut off from his people.

#### 8. **The Portion of Aaron and His Sons:**

- a) He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offering shall sacrifice with their own hands and bring the fat with the breast; the breast may be waved *as* a wave offering; the priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'.
- b) Also the right thigh you shall give to the priest. He among the sons of Aaron, who offers the blood of the peace offering and the fat, shall have the right thigh for *his* part.
- c) For the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering I have taken from the children of Israel, and I have

given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons from the children of Israel by a statute forever.

## **Leviticus 8**

9. **Aaron and His Sons Consecrated:** The people are gathered; Aaron and his sons are washed with water...

- a) Aaron is clothed in priestly garments and anointed with oil used to anoint the tabernacle and all that was in it;
  - 1) The oil is sprinkled on the altar seven times, the altar is anointed and all its utensils, and the laver and its base, to consecrate them.
  - 2) And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.
- b) A bull is offered by Moses for sin offering for Aaron and his sons.
  - 1) The blood purifies the altar.
  - 2) Then he burned the fat right there, but the bull, its hide, its flesh, and its offal, he burned with fire outside the camp.
- c) Then he brought the ram as the burnt offering.
  - 1) Moses killed and sprinkled the blood all around on the altar.
  - 2) He cut the ram into pieces; and burned the head, the pieces, and the fat.
  - 3) He washed the entrails and the legs in water.



- 4) And Moses burned the whole ram on the altar.
- d) And he brought the second ram, the ram of consecration.
  - 1) Moses killed and took *some* of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.
  - 2) Then Moses does the same for Aaron's sons.
  - 3) Then he put all the pieces of the sacrifice into Aaron's hands and in his sons' hands, and waved them *as a wave offering*, then he burned *them* on the altar, on the burnt offering. They *were* consecration offerings.
  - 4) And Moses took the breast and waved it *as a wave offering*.
- e) Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which *was* on the altar, and sprinkled *it* on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, and his sons, and all their garments.
- f) Boil the flesh *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and eat it there with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecration offerings.
- g) What remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire.

- h) The priest shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting *for* seven days, until the days of his consecration are ended.
- i) He must stay *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting day and night for seven days, and keep the charge of the Lord, so that he may not die.

10. You can see last year's teaching on this portion here: [Converts and Disciples](#)

## DRESS THE PART

### 1. Dressed for Success

#### A. The Spiritual Detective

(1) First, you are meant to wear the uniform of a Spiritual Detective. Yahweh wants to reveal deep things to you. (See full teaching here: [The Spiritual Detective](#))

(a) God has mysteries He wishes to reveal to you. And these deep things are for your own good. It's a type of hidden wisdom that He wants to show you through the Holy Spirit.

1. **After the Parable of the Soils:** "He answered and said to them, "**Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been given. Matthew 13:11 NKJV

2. “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
3. “But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has **revealed them to us** through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the **deep things of God.**” I Corinthians 2:9-10 NKJV

(2) Second, you are called to faithfully manage what you uncover...

(a) God reveals His secret things to the royalty in His household. He is able to do so because the hearts of His people can contain them (run deep). We are not only called to discover them, but to manage them as wise trustees.

1. ““The **secret things** belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are **revealed** belong to us and to our children forever, **that we may do all the words of this law.**” Deuteronomy 29:29 NKJV
2. “It is the **glory of God** to conceal a matter, But the **glory of kings is to search out a matter.** As the **heavens for height** and the **earth for depth,** So the

**heart of kings is unsearchable.”** Proverbs 25:2-3  
NKJV

3. “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and **stewards of the mysteries of God**. Moreover **it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”** I Corinthians 4:1-2 NKJV

(3) The Mystery of Two Priesthoods: Managing Two Priesthoods

- (a) Does another priesthood necessitate a change in law? Not the smallest letter of the law has passed away so what can this mean? It’s a change in role or assignment, a transformation—a wardrobe change. It’s an upgraded in position, not a replacement.

1. “Therefore, **if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest** should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?” Hebrews 7:11 NKJV
2. “For the **priesthood being changed** [transformed], **of necessity there is also a change of the law.”** Hebrews 7:12 NKJV

3. ““Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, **till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.**” Matthew 5:17-18 NKJV

## B. Priestly Garments

### (4) Levitical Priests

- (a) The priest wears one set of garments to perform one duty, but must change clothes to perform his next duty.

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- (b) Dressed for the Part: the priestly office has uniforms and those uniforms have specific features with different functions. What you wear matters!

1. “Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water. And **he put the tunic on him, girded him with the sash, clothed him with the robe**, and

put the **ephod** on him; and he **girded him with the intricately woven band of the ephod**, and with it tied the ephod on him. Then he put the **breastplate** on him, and he put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastplate. And he put the **turban** on his head. Also on the turban, on its front, he put the golden plate, the **holy crown**, as the Lord had commanded Moses.”  
Leviticus 8:6-9 NKJV

2. “Then Moses brought Aaron’s sons and **put tunics on them, girded them with sashes, and put hats on them**, as the Lord had commanded Moses.” Leviticus 8:13 NKJV

3. The Armor of God—the Garments of Royal Priests  
a) Fun exploration for another time: Compare the Garments of the Levitical Priesthood (Leviticus 8:6-30) to the Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)

(c) The priestly garments are anointed (transformed) by blood. In a sense they transform from earthly clothes with physical functions to Heavenly clothes with spiritual functions. This happens while the garments continue to maintain their physical function. In other words, the deeper spiritual meaning does not REPLACE the physical, but rather shows us the complimentary

side of the coin. The coin is not legitimate without being imprinted on both sides. Either side without the other represents a counterfeit.

1. “Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of **the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him;** and he **consecrated Aaron, his garments, his sons, and the garments** of his sons with him.” Leviticus 8:30 NKJV

(5) Melchizedek

- (a) There are two priesthoods with two functions. We are learning in Leviticus about the functions of the Levitical priesthood, which is an earthly priesthood with its High Priest, but we also have a heavenly priesthood with Y’shua as High Priest, not of the Levitical line, but the line of Judah. One DOES NOT replace the other any more than does Grace replaced the Law. *“Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”* Romans 3:31 NKJV

1. “Seeing then that **we have a great High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For **we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our**

**weaknesses**, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:14-16 NKJV

2. “And inasmuch as **He was not made priest without an oath** (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: “The Lord has sworn And will not relent, ‘**You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek**’”), by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. **For such a High Priest was fitting for us**, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all



when He offered up Himself.” Hebrews 7:20-27  
NKJV

3. “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: **We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary** and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.”  
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#### (6) The Transfigured High Priest

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1. “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and **He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.** And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three

tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. **But Jesus came and touched them** [*He touched them as the woman with the issue of blood touched Him*] **and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.”** When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, **“Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”**” Matthew 17:1-9 NKJV

### **C. Wardrobe Changes: What you wear matters!**

- (1) Adam and Eve go clothes shopping...
  - (a) At first, mankind was naked (clothed only in the skin God gave him), but not until sin came into the world did they recognize they were naked, became self-aware, ashamed, and did the big-coverup. (Genesis 3:7)
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hide from God? Do you really believe God does not know where you are. Maybe He is not asking about your current location, but instead about your current condition! (Genesis 3:8-11)

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(d) Yahweh is concerned that man has become like God, so He covers the “glory shown by man’s original garment” and clothes them with the skin of “animals”. And with this “new downgraded identity” comes nasty restrictions. He removes them from the garden and prevents them from reentering, thus preventing access to the tree of life! This leads to their eventual death. (Genesis 3:21-24)

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## DISROBE AND FOLD

### **2. The Empty Tomb: One Event Multiple Perspectives**

#### **A. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke)**

##### (1) Matthew

(a) A few things to notice in the synoptic Gospels is that Y'shua seems to be wrapped in a single large cloth, and those who find Him missing are told to "go tell". Remember, when Y'shua previewed His glorified form to Peter, James and John when He was transfigured on the mountain, He told them to "tell no one, until the resurrection." (Matthew 17:9) The time has come and they run quickly to do so! Y'shua meets them along the way to affirm their assignment.

1. "When Joseph had taken the body, he **wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,**" Matthew 27:59 NKJV
2. "But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **He is not here; for He is risen,** as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And **go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead,** and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you. So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and **ran to bring His disciples word.**" Matthew 28:5-8 NKJV
3. "And **as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying,** "Rejoice!" So they came and held

Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “**Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee**, and there they will see Me.””

Matthew 28:9-10 NKJV

(2) Mark

(a) Mark also paints the picture of a single burial cloth and shows the perspective that fear caused the women who first found the tomb empty to tell no one of what they witnessed. It’s not until Mary sees the risen Lord that she tells others.

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1. “And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, **bringing a mixture of myrrh** and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and **bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.** Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews’ Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.” John 19:39-42 NKJV



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## LAUNDRY SERVICES

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- (b) By the way, nothing you are called to do can be accomplished in your old skin, as Y'shua prophetically teaches just prior to this woman experiencing the great wardrobe change!
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1. “Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. And He said, **“Where have you laid him?”** They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” **Jesus wept.** Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!” And some of them said, **“Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?”**” John 11:32-37  
NKJV

(c) See the graveclothes to glory— *“Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”* Just as in Luke 24:5, in which we are admonished to *“...not seek the living among the dead,”* Y’shua calls forth Lazarus who emerges, *“bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth.”* Jesus says, “Loose him, set him free from his old wineskins. He has a new assignment. Can you picture those around him frantically pulling off countless strips of linen? Can you imagine Y’shua taking the cloth that covered Lazarus’ face, and quietly folding

it in His hands? I know it does not say such, but if you pause for a moment and put on your prophetic sunglasses (Son-glasses), you can picture the scene.

1. "Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, **"Take away the stone."** Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, **"Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"** Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, **"Lazarus, come forth!"** {44} And **he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth.** Jesus said to them, **"Loose him, and let him go."**" John 11:38-44 NKJV

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(3) Suffer Well Devotion: The following is 54th entry in a 365-Day Devotional Series you can find online.

[Suffer Well Devotion](#)

**#054- Remove the Grave Clothes**

***The Stone Removed***

Has not the stone of death been moved?  
The stench replaced by living.  
Has not the promise of Him been proved?  
Your sin... He is forgiving!

Come out I say, remove the cloth,  
Let those who see regale.  
Strip off the layers, remove the wrap,  
Fruit of righteousness prevail.



*Baptized into His death...Buried with Him...Raised from the dead...Walk in newness of life...United together in the likeness of His death...Be in the likeness of His resurrection...Our old man was impaled with Him...Sin is done away with...No longer slaves of sin...He who has died has been freed from sin...If we died with the Messiah, we shall also live with Him...Reckon yourselves to be dead to sin...but alive to the Mighty One...Not instruments of unrighteousness to sin...Instruments of righteousness...Sin shall not have dominion over you...Set free from sin...Slaves of righteousness! (Romans 6:3-18) Meditate again on this promise! When He died, you died; When He resurrected you resurrected with Him to a new life. You are no longer a slave to sin; you are a slave to righteousness.*

Was it harder for those around Lazarus (the begging soul helped by Yahweh) to believe he was alive, then for Lazarus himself? Was it a bad dream Lazarus had risen from? “I can’t breathe; what’s this cloth on my face? Help me; I feel like I am suffocating.” Put yourself there; imagine being in his place. You are you know! As the pangs of death surround your soul and mind, you cannot possibly see a way out. Your whole being could simply crumble like dust and vanish. Have you ever been forced in your mind to birth a new reality of a better place, a better way, a higher calling? This is that time!

Arise! I say, arise! Did He not promise that if you lost your life for His sake, you would find a new life? (Matthew 10:39) Lazarus had to die before he could resurrect. And let there be no doubt that once his grave clothes were removed, Lazarus had a mind that could become a slave to righteousness. There was no more uncertainty in him; his life was no longer his own. His new life was purchased for a hefty price (1 Corinthians 6:19-20); the result: he was no longer a slave to sin.

Have you had your own Lazarus experience? Have you come to terms with your total depravity? Have you had a death of self and begged for a resurrection? There is no doubt that, if asked, both Lazarus and Yahshua would both produce the same testimony about their deaths; “My new life is worth the death of my “self.” For the joy set before me (Hebrews 12:2), I would do it again, a thousand times over.” Won’t you?

1. A new devotion populates the site each day.

2. It was co-written by two friends, brothers really, one in prison, and one suffering with him.

3. Both were birthed into more than they could ask or imagine in the process (Eph. 3:20).

4. Tap the arrow on the graphic to visit [SufferWell.org](http://SufferWell.org)

### C. Step into Your New Skin

(1) New creatures require new garments...

(a) You are a New Creation (Picture taking off one skin and putting on a new skin!)

1. "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
2. "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

(2) The animal skins must come off!

(a) This earthly tent is temporary and you must be stripped of this corruptible garment. But fear not, you will not be left naked. You will be clothed in a permanent heavenly garment! Trade everything you have for this new wineskin. I promise you; you will not be disappointed. The alternative is horrific; it's to remain exposed to the shame of the animal skins that clothed Adam and Eve!

1. "For we know that if our **earthly house**, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not

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II Corinthians 5:1-5 NKJV

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Genesis 3:7 NKJV

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**Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist."** Matthew 17:10-13 NKJV

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Romans 8:18-21 NKJV

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(1) The Story of the risen Lazarus...

- (a) Do you believe this? Don't be so concerned about the timing of things. With God there are no emergencies. I will show you the power of resurrection and for now, the object lesson is two-fold. One, you must recognize the necessary wardrobe change. And even though this is a rehearsal and Lazarus' human body will die again, the second and bigger take away is the there is a permanent wardrobe change coming, one that lasts forever!
- (b) Y'shua could have prevented this—but that would not have been better! Y'shua weeps with those who are suffering, as He is not meant to dull our emotions. Yet, He knows there is a more important lesson here, one best served by first allowing what, from a human viewpoint, looks like a tragedy.
- (c) See the graveclothes to glory— *“Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”*. Just as in Luke 24:5, in which we are admonished to *“...not seek the living among the dead,”* Y'shua calls forth Lazarus who emerges, *“bound hand*

*and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth.”* Jesus says, “Loose him, set him free from his old wineskins. He has a new assignment. Can you picture those around him frantically pulling off countless strips of linen? Can you imagine Y’shua taking the cloth that covered Lazarus’ face, and quietly folding it in His hands? I know it does not say such, but if you pause for a moment and put on your prophetic sunglasses (Son-glasses), you can picture the scene.

(2) Emphasis

(a) Loose him, and let him go!

1. “And he who had died came out **bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”**” John 11:44 NKJV

(3) Suffer Well Devotion:

(a) The following is 54th entry in a 365-Day Devotional Series you can find online.

1. A new devotion populates the site each day.
2. It was co-written by two friends, brothers really, one in prison, and one suffering with him.
3. Both were birthed into more than they could ask or imagine in the process (Eph. 3:20).



4. Tap the arrow on the graphic to visit [SufferWell.org](http://SufferWell.org).

### **C. Step into Your New Skin**

- (1) New creatures require new garments...
  - (a) You are a New Creation (Picture taking off one skin and putting on a new skin!)
- (2) The animal skins must come off!
  - (a) This earthly tent is temporary and you must be stripped of this corruptible garment. But fear not, you will not be left naked. You will be clothed in a permanent heavenly garment! Trade everything you have for this new wineskin. I promise you; you will not be disappointed. The alternative is horrific; it's to remain exposed to the shame of the animal skins that clothed Adam and Eve!
  - (b) Stop and consider how these words in II Corinthians 5 (*"having been clothed, we shall not be found naked"*) and Revelation 3 (*"that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed"*) are the remedy for what Adam and Eve experienced.
- (3) The Coming Ministry—New Creatures & New Wineskins:
  - (a) The curse over creation will remain until the ministry of Elijah is completed. And what is that ministry look like specifically?
  - (b) Elijah is the prophet of restoration!

- (c) The 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.

## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

**1. Discuss what it might mean to be a “spiritual detective.” (See: Matthew 13:11; I Corinthians 2:7-10)**

- A. What does it mean to be a faithful manager of God’s mysteries and why is it that you are capable of doing so? (See: Deuteronomy 29:29; Proverbs 25:2-3; I Corinthians 4:1-2)

**2. Hebrews says there is a “change in law” and Y’shua says there is not...**

- A. Do your best to reconcile two priesthoods and these statements about the law (See: Hebrews 7:11-12; Matthew 5:17-18; Romans 3:31)

**3. A priest wears one set of garments to perform one duty, but must change clothes to perform his next duty...**

- A. Why can we be certain that Y’shua is our high priest? (See Hebrews 4:14-16, 7:20-27, 8:1-2)
- B. Describe the change in garments we see in in Leviticus 6:10-11 and Matthew 17:1-9.

#### **4. Wardrobe Changes: What you wear matters!**

- A. Read the following areas of scripture and describe the various changes in conditions and their corresponding changing “dress code.” (Adam and Eve: Genesis 3:1-24; Joseph: Genesis 37-41)

#### **5. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) each paint a slightly different, but substantially similar picture of the empty tomb. (See: Matthew 27:59-28:10; Mark 15:46-16:11; Luke 23:53-24:12)**

- A. Summarize the details of each account in the Synoptic Gospels.
- B. Then, look at the prophetic Gospel writer John. What are some significant details that he adds? (See John 19:39-42, 20:1-10) *Hint: focus on the linen cloth and the face covering.*
- C. Why might Y’shua have done that with His face covering and how might this prove His body was not stolen?
- D. What might have given John this insight over the other Gospel authors? (Hint: John 20:2)

#### **6. Contemplate the connection between the blood that anoints the priest’s garments in Leviticus 8:30 along with the woman healed from the issue of blood in Matthew 9:20-22...**

- A. What does the woman reach out and touch?

B. How might her healing be related to the priest's change in garments, Y'shua's garments, and new wineskins? (See also Matthew 9:16-17) *Hint: think of what changed in her!*

**7. Much like Y'shua removed His own graveclothes, He commands Lazarus to be loosed from the garments of death. (See John 11:1-44)**

A. Why was Y'shua's delay in coming instrumental in the lesson He was teaching? *Hint: Y'shua could have prevented his death—but that would not have been better! He knows there is a more important lesson here, one best served by first allowing what, from a human viewpoint, looks like a tragedy.*

B. What two lessons do we learn about resurrection and changing wardrobes? *Hint: one is temporary, one permanent*

C. Relate Luke 24:5 to John 11:40 and the entire narrative about Lazarus in John 11:1-44.

**8. Describe what it means to step into your new skin. (See: II Corinthians 5:17: Ephesians 4:22-24)**

A. How does Ephesians 4:22-24 help us better understand the remedy for what happened in the Garden with Adam and Eve? (See Genesis 3:7-21)

B. What does Revelation 3:17-18 teach you should trade to insure you are clothed in your new heavenly skins and not found naked.

**9. In a deeply prophetic moment, to those mourning Lazarus' death, Y'shua says, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" (John 11:40)**

A. The curse over creation must be lifted for us to step into that glory: use Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 17:10-13; and Romans 8:18-21 to describe the ministry of Elijah. *Hint: Creation is delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*