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LEV 13:59
JUD 1:23

Four kinds of spiritual garments:

Each human, believer or unbeliever is clothed with one of these garments or is spiritually naked.

Wool (the Lamb's covering = imputed righteousness)

DAN 7:9
REV 1:14
REV 5:6
ISA 1:18
ROM 3:21,22
ROM 4:22

Linen (from flax, a growing plant = our real righteousness)

REV 19:8
EZE 44:17,18
REV 3:4
REV 3:18
REV 6:11
REV 19:7,8
2 CO 5:2-5

The warp: These are the vertical threads of a woven garment. It represents the relationship between God and man.

1 JO 4:19

The woof (weft): these are the horizontal threads in a woven garment. They represent the relationships that we have with each other, interwoven with our relationship with God.

JOH 15:12
1 JO 4:12

Skin (natural covering of an unbeliever, no warp or woof)

EPH 2:2,3

Made of skin (religious unbeliever imitating warp and woof)

ROM 2:14,15
1 JO 4:20

There are also TWO COLORS to consider when looking at leprosy in a spiritual garment, GREENISH (a pale yellowish green) and REDDISH:

Greenish (a type of lukewarm response to God)

REV 3:15,16
REV 6:8
HEB 2:3

Reddish (a type of angry rebellion and aggression to God)

ZEC 7:11,12
1 SA 15:23
PRO 29:1
JUD 12

Exposure to the ministry

Suspected leprosy must not be hidden, but shown to the ministry. This is one area where love cannot cover sins, because a true leprosy will spread to others.

LEV 13:50a
HEB 12:15
1 CO 5:1-6

Examination by the ministry

This signifies that they must be questioned thoroughly as how they are thinking in their "warp" and "woof". It is not a time to straighten them out or to correct them, just to gather information for later comparison. If a leprosy is found, then separate them from the congregation for seven days.

Shut up for seven days

This signifies a temporary separation from the people of God, to see if Jesus can bring them to repentance.

LEV 13:50b
ROM 16:17,18
2 TH 3:14,15
NUM 12:10,15

Identification of spiritual leprosy

1 CO 5:11
1 CO 6:9,10

(adulterers, fornicators and abusers of themselves with mankind can all be under the heading of FORNICATION or the prostituting of one's self)

1. Fornication
2. Idolatry
3. Thievery
4. Covetousness
5. Drunkenness
6. Reviling or Railing
7. Extortion

Re-examination on 7th day after being shut up

Re-asking the same questions as before, look for...

- A. Spreading of the color in warp or woof
- B. No change in size or in color
- C. A change in color in intensity, or its opposite

Evaluating the re-examination

LEV 13:51,52

If it be spread

...It is a "fretting" leprosy - the worst kind possible. It means that this person's spiritual life is being eaten up on the inside. The church cannot help them anymore. If they are allowed back in fellowship, the problem will continue to spread and will definitely affect others. It has become an irrational condition which will actively propagate pain and/or bitterness. It is UNCLEAN. The whole church could

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become infected and be destroyed. It must be "burnt in the fire" - see subject FIRES.

LEV 13:53

If it has NOT spread

At the end of the first week, this is the BEST SIGN POSSIBLE. We are not to expect it to look better and be better yet.. This shows that it is either a NON-CONTAGIOUS condition or that Jesus has been able to stop it. It is virtually impossible for a spreading leprosy to remain the same for seven days under these scriptural conditions. It is a sign of heaven at work. "Wash" it.

Wash the thing

If there has been no spreading, we may proceed to wash the leprous garment, making sure we use FULLER'S soap...

MAL 3:2 he is like a refiner's fire and fuller's soap

JOH 4:14 water that I shall give... well, springing up

Begin to have a "mini-service" with the person. In other words, pray with them, sing to the Lord, and go over the scriptures that deal specifically with the sins that were committed. Apply the water and the soap to each strand of the warp or woof wherever it is greenish or reddish. Then, after another session of prayer, you LEAVE THEM ALONE in the hands of Jesus for ANOTHER seven days.

Looking on the plague again 7th day after washing

LEV 13:55

The worst possible sign this time is that there is NO color change, even if the problem has not spread! If there is no color change for the better at the end of fourteen days, this person's evil ways are tearing down INWARDLY what he or she has of the truth in their subconscious. This allows the carnal nature to withstand God and His truth. It may or may not be that obvious on the outside.

GAL 2:18

Jesus has given us a sign that He has not been able to refine, or separate this person from their sinning. Their garment is to be pronounced as "unclean" and given over to God, the Consuming Fire.

Somewhat dark

LEV 13:56

This is the BEST POSSIBLE sign at this time. "Somewhat dark" means "fainter", "more colorless", "more grayish". Gray is the balance between red and green. It is the sign of victory in saving someone's spirit. It means an HONEST confusion, and an openness to face ignorance and misconceptions. Where there was 'reddish' resistance and anger, there is now brokenness and shame. The person has become reachable and teachable again.

Rend it out

This means that the original affected strands, either in the warp or the woof must be torn out of the person's thoughts and actions. They may have to suffer other losses. The man in Corinth had to rend his father's wife out of his life forever. It should be understood again that we are not talking about rending natural garments! JOE 2:13 rend hearts, not garments

Wash the second time

LEV 13:58

This means to repeat the first washing over, pray, sing and go over the scriptures once again. Let the Holy Ghost wash them good! Then you can pronounce them "clean" and restore them. They can now go on with the church and wash their grayish spotted robes in the blood of the Lamb until they become white.

2 CO 2:7,8 forgive, comfort

If it appear still (again)

LEV 13:57

Should the same problem ever appear again AFTER the two washings, and re-acceptance into the church, THERE IS NO OTHER TWO-WEEK PERIOD LEFT TO REPEAT. The garment is simply turned over to the fire. TIT 3:10,11 after 1st & 2nd admonition, reject