

LESSONS FROM SEVERAL GARMENTS OF THE BIBLE

- Introduction:
1. There are so many ways to study the Bible to learn various spiritual truths.
 2. This lesson is a topical lesson that examines several of the garments of the Bible.
 3. After examining these garments, let's see if we cannot draw out several applications that would be helpful as we seek to live for Christ.

I. THE GARMENT OF DECEPTION

- A. (Genesis 37:3).
- B. The brothers of Joseph used this garment to deceive their father (Genesis 37:31-34).
- C. Believing a lie can and does have the same emotional effect as believing the truth (Genesis 37:34-35).
- D. Many base their standing before God upon their feelings.
- E. (Proverbs 28:26) The man who trusts in his heart is a fool.

II. THE GARMENT OF CONVICTION

- A. (Genesis 39:7-12).
- B. Potiphar's wife approached and enticed Joseph "day after day", but he refused to give in.
- C. Purposing in one's heart is very important in overcoming temptation (Daniel 1:8).
- D. One opens the door to many troubles when he begins to compromise his convictions.
- E. Some situations demand reason, talk, and persuasion, but others demand fleeing (I Corinthians 6:18).

III. THE GARMENT OF DEDICATION

- A. (I Samuel 1-2).
- B. The robe that Hannah weaved together for Samuel was a robe of dedication and love.
- C. We need more parents who will dedicate and devote their children to God (Psalms 127:3).
- D. Can you imagine the great personal sacrifice it was for Hannah to dedicate her son to the Lord?

IV. THE GARMENT OF HEALING

- A. (Mark 5:25-34).
- B. There were many religious garments present that day, but only one could provide healing.

- C. Salvation (healing) is only in Christ (John 14:6).
- D. (Ephesians 5:17).

V. THE GARMENT OF FORGIVENESS

- A. (Luke 15:11-32).
- B. The robe signified that all was forgiven.
- C. (James 2:13).
- D. (Ephesians 4:32).

VI. THE GARMENT OF LONELINESS

- A. (II Timothy 4:13).
- B. With the exception of Luke, Paul is all alone in a dungeon, awaiting his execution.
- C. Probably, all hopes for better days are now gone.
- D. Let's be sensitive to the needs of others, especially those who are lonely.
- E. (Matthew 7:12).

- Conclusion:
- 1. Let us all figuratively wear the garments mentioned tonight with joy, or at least with endurance.
 - 2. But above all things, put on the garment of Christ (Galatians 3:26-29).