

A CHANGE OF CLOTHES

He places a ring on the finger
of a son, who spent all that he owned.
He fetches a robe for the prodigal,
who returns to the Father at home.

Your mourning shall turn into dancing,
if you would but walk in His ways.
Cast off the sackcloth and ashes,
and rise up to meet Him today.

The shroud of despair and of hopelessness
is replaced by a garment of praise.
And though you were dead and defeated,
He causes your life to be raised.

Joseph spent time in the dungeon;
he was faithful, interpreting dreams.
He took off his jailhouse attire,
was promoted, and brought to the king.

You, who were known as a captive,
and were held in the enemy's throes,
after serving your time as a prisoner,
you are given a change of new clothes.

The accuser is there to resist you;
condemnation is used as his tool.
But the Lord has rebuked and disarmed him;
you will govern His house and bear rule.

Esther was separated and purified;
she was anointed to reign as a queen.
She put on her royal apparel,
and watched how her God intervened.

He is removing the bandages,
and the grave clothes that cover the wounds.
He looses from death, as with Lazarus,
who was bound, but came out of the tomb.

The woolens of human ability,
are being replaced by His grace.
The clothing of works and accomplishment
are discarded in the Holiest Place.

The Father is exalting the humble.
You are called to a Supper to dine.
He arrays you with festive apparel,
that is rich, and of costly design.

Joshua knew the Lord's dealings;
this priest had been plucked from the fire.
Garments of filth were removed from him;
he was dressed as the Lord has desired.

A people are sealed in their foreheads;
a headpiece is fashioned for you.
It covers the realm of your thinking,
with a mind that is being renewed.

His wardrobe is the clothing of righteousness,
that which is worn by His Bride.
There are garments of glory for the faithful,
for those who are tested and tried.

A Bride has been chosen and covered,
with a veil, through her Wilderness tour.
The camels are coming with Rebecca;
Isaac has been waiting for her.

The mortal puts on immortality.
In the twinkling of an eye, you are changed.
Then bearing the image of the heavenly:
transformed, and the mystery, explained!

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“But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:”; Luke 15:22

“Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came unto Pharaoh”; Genesis 41:14

“Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel...”; Esther 5:1

“He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him and let him go.” John 11:44

“Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel...I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with a change of raiment. And I said, let them set a fair mitre upon his head...”; Zechariah 3:3-5

“And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and behold the camels were coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel...therefore she took a veil and covered herself”; Genesis 24:63-65

“Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump...For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”;1 Corinthians 15:51-53