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Colors

**White – The High Priests Garments**

We know by the scriptures that the Old Testament High Priests were a figure of our High Priest, Jesus Christ: Heb. 3:1 "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." Christ is a High Priest after the order of Melchisedec (Heb. 5:10 "Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec) and not a High Priest after the order of Aaron. However, the High Priesthood after the order of Aaron gives types and shadows of the High Priesthood of Christ.

Righteousness will not admit to any flaw. One sin negates all the righteous acts of an individual to make him righteous. The High Priest had to be perfect to be a righteous High Priest. This requirement of perfection is set forth in Lev. 21:17-23 "Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous, Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, Or crookbacked, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken; No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy. Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify them."

That the High Priest after the order of Aaron were not perfect is evident by the fact that an offering had to be made for them before an offering could be made for the people. Christ being the only perfect sinless person, offered himself as a substitutionary atonement for the elect but he had to make no offering for himself because he was without sin. Christ is the righteous one: 1 John 2:1 "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

The garments of the Old Testament high priests point to the righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1. Ex. 28:39 "And thou shalt embroider the coat of **fine linen**, and thou shalt make the mitre of **fine linen**, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework."

2. Ex. 28:42 "And thou shalt make them **linen breeches** to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach."

In addition, to the Old Testament garments of the High Priest being made of white linen, there were several prophecies in the Old Testament of one to come as the High Priest of the people to remove their sins:

1. Song 5:10 "**My beloved is white** and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand."

2. Dan. 7:9 "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, **whose garment was white as snow**, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire."

3. Dan 10:5 "Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man **clothed in linen**, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:"

4. Dan 12:6 "And one said to the man **clothed in linen**, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?"

5. Dan 12:7 "And I heard the man **clothed in linen**, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished."

Furthermore, we get word picture glimpses of the complete righteousness of Jesus Christ in the New Testament as well:

1. Matt. 17:1 "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light."

2. Matt. 27:58 "He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in **aclean linen cloth**, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed."

3. Mark 9:2 "And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. 3 And his raiment became shining, **exceeding white as snow**; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4. Rev. 1:14 "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire."

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, he was born without sin, he kept the law to a jot and tittle, and at the appropriate time he presented himself as a sacrifice without spot or blemish that he might redeem his people from their sins. Rom. 5:18 "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." Truly, Jesus is that Righteous One and all of his works are righteous works. He wore the perfect garments of righteousness.