The Covenant Of A Friend

The Believer's Blessings - (# 5) January 31, 2021 <u>TEXT</u>: 1 Samuel 18:1-4 <u>KEY VERSE</u>: John 15:13

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The covenant we have with the Lord came at a great price.

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For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (Matthew 26:28)

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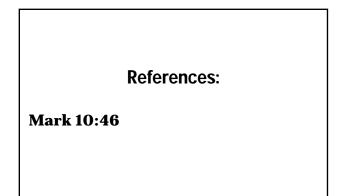
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And Jonathan stripped himself of the <u>robe</u> that <u>was</u> upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. (1 Samuel 18:4)

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Bartimaeus was blind, and his coat identified him as a blind man.



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Bartimaeus did not want to be known as a blind man anymore, so he cast off his old robe.

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And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. (Mark 10:50)

How are you identified in the world?

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Joseph's coat was stripped from him, dipped in blood and Joseph was sold because of his brother's sin.

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References:

Genesis 37:23

Genesis 37:31

Jesus was stripped of His garments.

The garments were covered with blood and he was crucified for the sin of His fellow man.

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John 19:23-24

Isaiah 64:6

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Jesus wants to take away your old dirty robe and give you a new robe.

This is a provision of the Covenant.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels. (Isaiah 61:10)

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Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (Ephesians 6:14)

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1) A New <u>Robe</u>.

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The word garments here, in the original text, is armor and the sword is part of the armor.

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Your new sword is the Word Of God.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (Ephesians 6:17)

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Carry the Bible with you, by hiding it inside your heart.

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Let the high *praises* of God *be* in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; (Psalm 149:6)

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (John 15:7)

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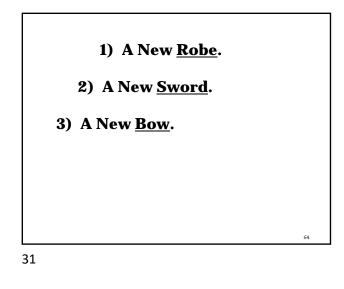
Use the Word of God skillfully against your enemy, the devil.

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For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

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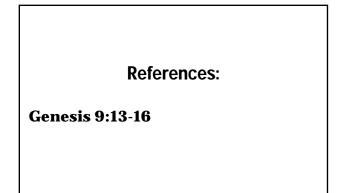
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The bow is a reminder of the Covenant.



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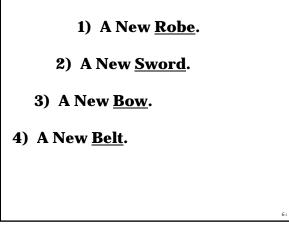
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God put a bow in the cloud, and we have been given a bow to carry.

Both are a reminder of the Covenant God made.

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Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. (Isaiah 43:26)



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The girdle is the belt.

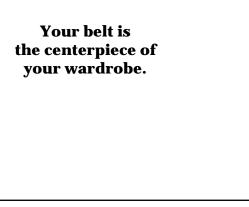
1 I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. 2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower. (Psalm 18:1-2)

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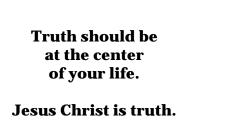
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He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler. (Psalm 91:4) 76

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Have you made a covenant with God?

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Concluding Verse:

Psalm 91:1-16

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