Bible Robes

⇒ Intro:

- It is very enlightening to consider the robes of the Bible.
- The "robe" in Bible times was a long garment that was looser than the inner garment.
- It was generally not worn by ordinary people.
- o It was worn by kings (1 Sam. 2:24), by prophets (1 Sam. 28: 14), by nobles (Job 1:20), and by youths (1 Sam.2:19).
- That outer garment was the dress of royalty and stately rank.
- o It was the garment of those who had high social distinction and of those high in church authority.
- Let's consider some Bible robes.

⇒ I. <u>The Long Robe Of Pretension</u>.

- Look at Luke 20:46.
- The Lord Jesus warned of the Scribes with their long robes.
- The Scribes were pretenders.
- They claimed to know God but rejected His darling Son Christ.
- o They copied the law and taught it but were blind to who Jesus was.
- They added to the law regulations not found therein; they explained the law itself; they taught the law to others.
- Scribes were judges, since they claimed only the Scribes fully understood the meaning of the laws of the Old Testament.
- They pretended they were right with God, but it was really a sham (Matt.23:25).
- o Don't just "pretend" to be right with God-make sure it is so.

⇒ II. The Rent Robe Of Sorrow.

- o Read Job 1:20.
- There Job rends his "mantle" or his "robe."
- o This was in response to the fierceness of Satan's assaults.
- o The Devil took his family, his health, and his wealth.
- Job did not lose his faith in God, but he deeply loved his family.
- When some of them were killed it cost Job much sorrow.
- You must not let your rent robes of sorrow separate you from sweet fellowship with the God of heaven and earth.

⇒ III. The Scarlet Robe of Mockery.

- Notice Matt. 27:28.
- They stripped Jesus and put upon Him a scarlet robe.
- The scarlet mantle on Jesus was but a mock imitation of the purple royal robe a king wore.
- How sad that some people will mock the Lord Jesus instead of trust Him!

⇒ IV. The Best Robe Of Righteousness.

- Look at Luke 15:22.
- o When the prodigal son came home to his father, he was to wear the "best" robe.
- The robe restored him to a place of honor and dignity.
- It symbolizes our being clothed with Christ's righteousness (2 Cor.5:1).

⇒ V. The White Robe Of The Redeemed.

o Read Rev. 7:9.