

“Dust” In The Bible

Sometimes dust is used metaphorically, such as, “The clouds are the dust of His feet” (Nahum 1:3); sometimes “dust” expresses an act of humility-Joshua 7:6; often it denoted the actual dust of the ground.

1. Creation. “The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground” (Genesis 2:7). Man’s lowly origin and frailty.
2. Confession. “Lord, what am I but dust ashes?” (Genesis 28:27). To take a low place before God is to find a high place in Him.
3. Conversion. “He raiseth up out of the dust” (1 Samuel 2:8). From the dust of sin, and shame, and self, the Lord raises to the realm of salvation, love, and grace.
4. Compassion. “He remembereth we are dust” (Psalm 103:14). In His love He remembers we are of lowly origin, and helps us in our weakness.
5. Consecration. “Shake thyself from the dust” (Isaiah 52:2). Dusty garments are a disgrace, but the beautiful clothing of His grace beautifies us.
6. Consideration. “I exalted thee out of the dust” (1 Kings 26:2). What the Lord has done for us is worthy of our grateful consideration.
7. Conquest. “His enemies shall lick the dust” (Psalm 72:9). When Christ reigns all shall submit to Him.