

Costumes

Pt. 2 - The Garment of Praise

Note - The term "costume" is often associated with play acting and we are not endorsing that. However, Webster defines a costume as the appropriate dress to represent a person, place or thing. We are to represent!

Romans 13:14, ...put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to arouse its desires.

- One of the things we are to put on is the garment of praise.

Isaiah 61:3, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness...

Note - The cliche "I'm going get my praise on."

Psalm 34:1, I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises.

What Worship Wear Consists of

1. Celebration (praise)

- Singing

Psalm 95:1-2, Sing joyful songs to the LORD! Praise the mighty rock where we are safe. 2 Come to worship him with thankful hearts and songs of praise.

- Shouting

Isaiah 12:6, Shout loudly, and sing with joy, people of

Lion! The Holy One of Israel is great. He is among you.

Example - You are a true fan of whoever you shout for!

- Clapping

Psalm 47:1, Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise!

- Dancing

Psalm 149:3, Praise his name with dancing; play drums and harps in praise of him.

Psalm 30:11, You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy...

2. Intimacy (worship)

- Lifting our hands

Psalm 134:2, Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.

- Bowing/kneeling

Psalm 95:6, Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker...

- This costume makes a fashion statement.

Example - I don't have any friends

What The Garment of Praise Says

1. God is worthy.

Note - We don't praise God because we feel like it or we are comfortable with it - we praise Him because He is WORTHY!

Revelation 4:11, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Note - Don't wait until heaven to declare His worth - say it now!

2. I am thankful.

Luke 17:11-19, As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. 12 As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, 13 crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 He looked at them and said, "**Go show yourselves to the priests.**" And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. 15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" 16 He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

Note - The prevailing spirit of entitlement needs to be replaced with the garment of gratitude!

3. I trust God.

Psalm 28:7, The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Note - Where some wear worry, we wear worship!
Where some put on panic, we put on praise!

- Many choose to wear their burdens instead of His blessing.

Note - He gives us praise in exchange for heaviness!

Psalm 43:5, Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again - my Savior and my God!

Example - Shrek the Sheep (hiding in caves for 6 years
grew 60 pounds of wool - 50 more
than normal and enough to make 20 suits.)