

## THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

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### RED CLOUD PULPIT.

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**TEXT.** It has clothed me with the garments of salvation. He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Isaiah, 63:11.

The one grand lesson to be learned from this chapter is this: God showers spiritual blessings upon those who are faithful to righteous ways. Christ is here speaking for himself through the prophet; years after this he spoke for himself, a man among men. The 16th verse is a song of praise for divine blessings, both received and promised, the symbol used in praise for divine blessing in common conversation we would term a new suit of clothes. I never yet made the acquaintance of a person devoid of his characteristic, a sense of real pleasure in receiving a new suit of clothes, and especially is this the case if the suit is costly and well-fitting. Let us try and make the thought expressed comprehensive and practical.

### OLD SUIT.

Here we see a man who has worn one suit of clothes for a long time, and has never been fully satisfied with it, at least we have heard many complaints. Our curiosity is excited to know the exact cause of the man's unrest, so we inquire:

"My friend you seem to be in trouble about your clothes, don't you like them?"

"Not very well."

"Don't they fit?"

"Sometimes I think they fit me pretty well, at other times I am greatly at a loss about the matter."

"I presume the color suits you?"

"Not exactly. I think the color a little too dark. The fact is I have worn the suit a long time, and I am tired of it, becoming or unbecoming, fashionable or unfashionable. I have long desired a new suit, but I have not been able to find one in the market just to my taste in every particular. Of course I have not been all the rounds but from what I can hear and what little I know about the stock in the market, and from observing the suits others wear I have made no investment."

"Well now my friend I am in the clothing business; I guarantee that I can please you and if you will put on a suit and wear it every day, speaking in praise of it so far as you are pleased with it, I will give you the suit, and I will vouch for this you cannot soon wear it out."

My friend accepts the offer, soon appears in a new suit, which he promises to wear all the time; he appears with a joy-beaming countenance for the cloth is of good texture, and the garments very becoming.

### APPLICATION.

This illustration will serve to introduce the lesson that we are to learn from the text. Spiritually when God clothes a man he is clothed for both time and eternity, when God saves, one is saved indeed for salvation's suit he never takes away. Now we will suppose that we are in possession of this suit, a question of vast importance here arises with each one, HOW am I to wear the suit? Let us see, what are the articles in hand, but as this is a moral question, we will look at the garments, that should be warm at this time. This suit is not patchwork. Some of self and some of Christ but a new suit entire, cut from new cloth by a master's hand.

It is not a made over suit, and designed to accommodate and fashion. The law does not enter into its make-up. "Christ is the end of the law of righteousness." The moral dress is done away in Christ, shodded in him, filled. Ye are not under law but under grace. Now I will name a garment of this suit that needs to be warm at this time. **Humility.** This is an under garment, not always seen, but the wearer knows of its presence when there is no chilly feeling, or shivering in Christian coldness. Humility in Christian life, despite not little flings, stoops men of low estate, in honor preferring one another. It is a close fitting garment, always to be worn in contact with the body and although in feeling, not so comfortable as some other part of the Christian dress, it is more serviceable than some other articles usually worn. With this garment we are less affected by sudden changes; the Christian calendar need not always encourage with the words fair weather, slight disturbance of the element, look out for a storm etc., but one can say, I shall not be affected by the change for I am wearing the garment of humility.

**Faithfulness.**—Over faithfulness we are to put on the jacket or vest, and shirt woven without a seam. Our Savior taught faithfulness in all things. Servants were to be faithful to their masters, citizens to their governments. Jesus told his disciples that in the world they would meet with tribulations, they would be cast out of society, put into prisons, in chains, and these things would be done unto them because they were followers of Him, but in the midst of all this, they were to be faithful unto death. Faithfulness is an every day garment, it is not steady wear, for durability, and whenever we go, whatever be our occupation in life, the garment of faithfulness must be worn wear this unto the end: "I will give ye the crown of life".

**Zeal.**—Over faithfulness the vest we must wear a coat; this garment is more useful at certain seasons than at other times; the name of the coat is zeal. This garment is becoming at all times, although we do not always feel like wearing it. Some times it is thrown on for a time, dressing us up as a doorman or Spring coat dresses up a dummy showing what belongs to fashion, and profession, but in the stiffness of the figure, we see a failure in bringing out the real beauty of the garment. Zeal is a part of the Christian working suit; it belongs to duties and privileges to Christian life. Paul had zeal, Peter had zeal, early Christians had zeal, and we are called upon in this age of infidelity, and high licensed crime to have zeal. In our wardrobes we sometimes have garments that are not brought out or worn until we see some like them worn in the street, then we say: "I must get out my proof my reversible coat," this is the garment of influence.

**Lore.** Now over zeal if we have this garment on or over faithfulness, if real garments have been put on, then we are to wear a well known outer garment. It is the circular for your outer, the great roomy overcoat for your brother, the garment of religion, influence.

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whose folds others can be gathered who are now exposed to the destructive elements of a sinful life. We are taught to love all, love the enemies of Christ and seek to make them his friends. Love brought Christ to our help, makes him our advocate in heaven, love is what secures us the comfort of life, when all things else fail. How many clouds have been driven away, how many threatened calamities avoided through love. How love cherishes the memory of the departed, how it plants flowers and evergreens by the dear ones gone; how it reaches forward in hope to clasp them again in fond embrace, when their storms and trials are over. We should never grow without this useful garment to shield and protect us, and to comfort, warm and cheer others.

**Truth.**—Take the belt, that clasps the garments of salvation about us and holds them there to the end of life's journey. Christ was the way, the truth, in Him we are not deceived not disappointed, in Him is all truth. Obedience in all things are the symbols, with obedience we are clad with the preparation of gospel peace; if disobedient rest peace is gone. No one with truth at a desire of the heart can reap rewards of obedience. "Ye love me keep my commandments." These things make up the Christian suit, the church dress, and the suit is the most morally and spiritually that we can wear, and altogether robes us in righteousness. This is a costly robe, Christ is an heir of heaven, the well beloved son who had his glory throne to exalt us. It is the best robe, for it is the one coming from the wisdom of God. It is in which we must appear at judgment. We should care for it, pre-serve it well, that we may rejoice in the praise of Electric Bitters. Only fifty cents

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