

“Hold thy peace at the Presence of the Lord GOD: for the Day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a Sacrifice, he hath bid his guests. And it shall come to pass in the Day of the LORD’S Sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king’s children, And All Such As Are Clothed With Strange Apparel.” Zephaniah 1:7-8 KJV



Soldiers wear uniforms to identify themselves to fellow soldiers. If caught by the enemy in an enemy uniform, they are generally killed as spies. Believers have put on the Robes of Righteousness in Christ; exhibited through faith by the Fruit of the Spirit and obedience to God’s Word. We fight the same enemy and those who claim to be with us, but are not, will suffer ultimate death in the Lake of Fire! *“Such as are clothed with strange apparel.”* They put on good works and may fool believers, but never God! *“Not every one that saith unto me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the Will of My Father which is in Heaven. Many will say to me in that Day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? And in Thy Name have cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works?’ And then will I profess unto them, ‘I NEVER KNEW YOU: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.’”* You may claim to know God, but when you are caught on Judgment Day, will He know you? *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done.”* Will you be in the right uniform?

Our words and deeds are what we wear,
It’s all that others with us share,
But God can see our hidden heart,
And by it Judge us when we part. –CGP

Does your “apparel” appear strange in the Eyes of God? You can know He knows you by the desires of your heart. *“And hereby we do KNOW that we KNOW Him, if we keep (obey) His Commandments. He that saith, ‘I know Him,’ and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in Him. But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the Love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him.”* Do you desire to obey God? Or do you seek every opportunity to excuse your disobedience? What you desire inwardly determines your eternal heritage.

“But as many as received Him, to them gave He Power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:12-13 KJV