

## Parson to Person

### Washed Feet – John 13

The Old Testament is filled with pictures of Jesus. There are prophecies about the coming Messiah, the Seed of Abraham, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Son of David. There are appearances of a pre-incarnate Jesus as the Angle of the LORD (*Malak Yahweh*). We read of this Angle of the LORD visiting Abraham, speaking to Moses, instructing Joshua, and accepting worship, which a normal angel would always refuse. But hidden in the Old Testament scriptures are also types of Jesus—people, animals, and even objects that point to what Jesus would do. The Temple and the High Priest who ministered in it were both types of Jesus.

*Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. For if He were on earth, He would not be a*

*priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. (Hebrews 8:1–6 NKJV)*

The LORD was very specific in His instructions to Moses. The description of the High Priest's garments is given in great detail. His garments were designed to be very beautiful and glorious (ref. Exodus 28:2). Gold and precious stones were used to adorn his outer garment (ref. Exodus 39). Interestingly, on the Day of Atonement, when the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant, he was commanded to enter in without his beautifully adorned outer garment. *"Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering. 4 He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body;*

*he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on.”* (Leviticus 16:3–4) The linen tunic and trousers were plain white and very simple. It would seem it was the LORD’s intention to have the High Priest shed his glorious apparel and make atonement for the people in humility. So also, our High Priest left the splendor of heaven and wrapped Himself in a cloak of flesh to enter behind the veil and offer His own blood as an atonement.

*Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:6–11)*

God bless you all,  
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