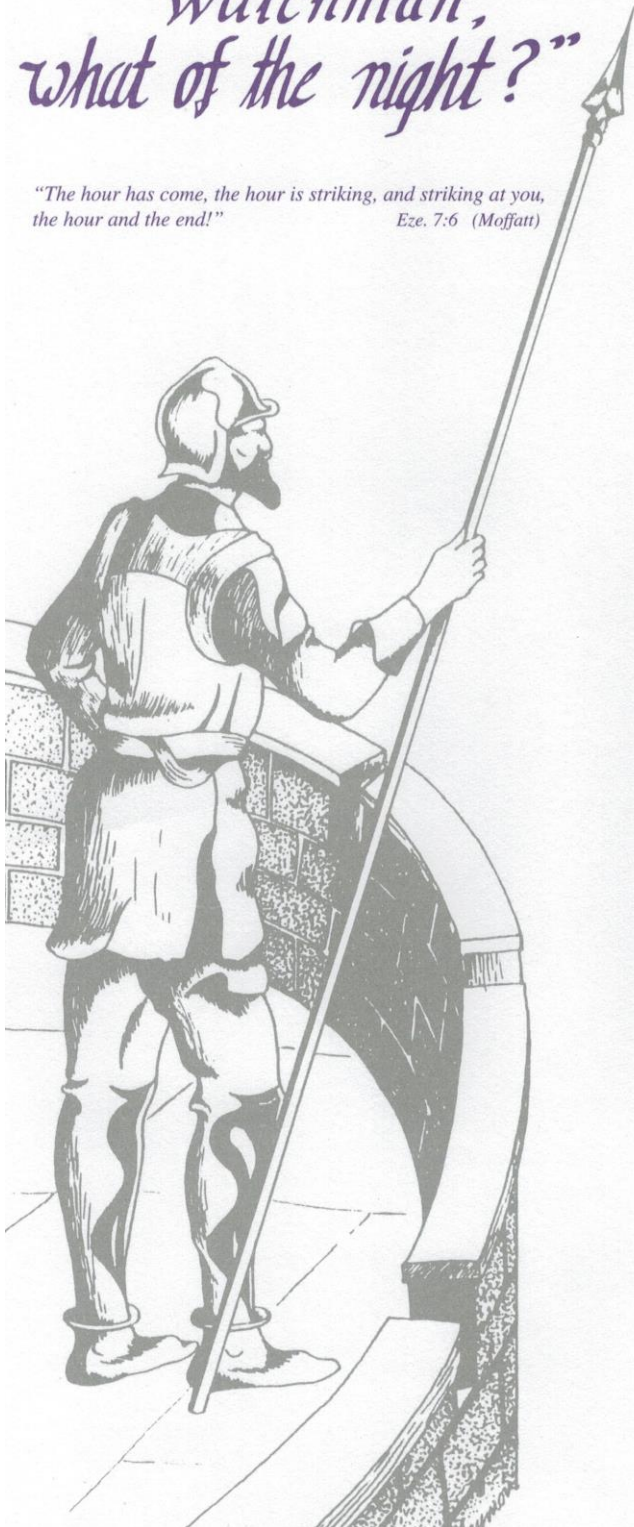


*"Watchman,
what of the night?"*

*"The hour has come, the hour is striking, and striking at you,
the hour and the end!"*

Eze. 7:6 (Moffatt)



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Editor's Preface

With this month's issue of the Australian edition of WWN it is incumbent upon us to interrupt; to some extent, the series we are running on the Atonement and Romans 11, to discuss a topic of significant importance. However, essentially this subsequent area under discussion falls right into concurrent harmony with the theme of the prior thought papers.

This thought paper then will preliminary serve as a "review" of the things which we have written concerning *"the sum: We have such an high priest"* (Heb. 8:1); the **Genuine Man in Linen**, followed by the contrasting counterfeit man in linen.

There are certain facts that have been starring us in the face all along. It is these facts that are quite sobering when we come face to face with the reality of the evidence that we must either be willing to accept and experience the Genuine Man in Linen's testimony, or we shall be found lingering; halting *"between two opinions?"* (1 Kings 18:21). This latter indecisive response is where Laodicea and mainstream Christianity continues to stumble and limp over to the side of the counterfeit man in linen and his testimony, which has permeated Christendom the world over under various forms of doctrinal expression.

This is where the Elijah message comes to the forefront and the cutting edge of truth for this time with an essential end time application. The question is -- will the diligent Bible student be able to distinguish the difference? The answer is in the Everlasting Gospel, the Sanctuary message. This was God's intent behind the very giving of the Everlasting Gospel to all "people" that **if any man** hear and *"Fear God and give him glory,*

because came the hour of the judgment of Him; and worship him who made" (Rev. 14:6 RSV, Gr., Emp. added. c.f. Rev. 3:20).

In connection with particular events in the recent past year, as well as the present this certain counterfeit and prominent figure is involved in a successive and long running line of counterfeits in direct opposition to the **Genuine Man in Linen**. This is why this area of study necessitates a critical examination which we will only begin to discuss in this month's thought paper.

Secondly we will discuss a topic regarding a profound misapplication of the Scriptures during a Christian conference which was held recently here in Victoria, Australia. The reason being is because the view which was expressed fully tramples down and denigrates (in like manner as the counterfeit man in linen) the **Genuine Man in Linen** and the ministration given him to do.

"Review, and then Review again, and Review all that you've Reviewed"

A Counterfeit Man Clothed In Linen

Before we dive into the subject of the counterfeit man in linen we will "Review, and then Review again, and Review all that [we've] Reviewed".

We will commence with the **Genuine "Man clothed in Linen"** (Dan. 10:5) who is our Great "high priest after the order of Melchisedec" (Heb. 5:10)

It is He who cleanses us, if, and it is simply that, if, we are willing to accept the peculiar Divine provision as foretold, and be acted upon as Joshua the high priest was willing. The result was a "change of raiment" (Zech. 3:4) "men wondered at" (v. 8).

When the Australian Foundation began publishing the Australian edition of WWN in July of last year, we commenced with an introductory Bible study series concerning the "**Man clothed in Linen.**" In retrospect, this "Man in Linen" is revealed under this specific appellation in both the prophetic books of Ezekiel and Daniel.

However there are other books in addition to these. The book of Revelation pictures this **Genuine "man... clothed with Linen"** (Eze. 9:2, 3, 11; 10:2, 6) as "the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and **out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.**" (1:13-16)

The Genuine Man in Linen



John's book, "*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*" (v. 1) commences with a description of what? A **Man in Linen, "clothed with a garment down to the foot"** (v. 13).

Is the Man in Linen not important? Is the Bible narrative of Him and His work stale, flat and unprofitable? God forbid!

In reviewing the book of Zechariah, we find how it portrays "Joshua the high priest standing before the **angel of the LORD**...Now Joshua was clothed with **filthy garments**, and stood before the **angel**. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, **Take away the filthy garments from him**. And unto him he said, **Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment**. And I said, **Let them set a fair mitre upon his head**. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and **clothed him with garments**. And the **angel of the LORD** stood by. And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, **Thus saith the LORD of hosts...**" (Zech. 3:1, 3-7a). The True Man in linen.

Jude wrote "Now unto **him** that is able to keep you from **falling**, and to **present you faultless** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour..." (1:24-25a).

The book of Psalms in prophetic revelation announces the Divine Decree of the Almighty concerning the **Genuine Man in Linen** thus - "**Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.**" (Ps. 110:4, emp. added)

The Apostle Paul dutifully presented before his readers in his Epistle to the Hebrews this **Genuine "Man clothed in Linen"** [Dan. 12:6, 7] whom he reverently believed in, adored, and endured the "perils" (2 Cor. 11:26) so as to share Christ crucified; the True Man in Linen and High Priest of "**good things to come**" (Heb. 10:1).

He wrote to them; as well as to us, that heartfelt and tender appeal to "**consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession Christ Jesus**" (Heb. 3:1).

Adding further descriptions of "**Him that was clothed in linen**" [Eze. 10:7] as "**A merciful and faithful high priest**" (Heb. 1:17) "**A great high priest**" (Heb. 4:14).

For we "**have...an high priest which can...be touched with the feeling of our infirmities...was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**" (Heb. 4:15--double negatives removed)

"So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, **Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**" (Heb. 5:5-6)

The first "**thou art**" and the second "**thou art**" from Heb 5:5-6 relates to the very important "two immutable things". Please compare your Bibles to the first decree, Ps. 2:7; Heb. 6:18 and the second decree, Ps. 110:4; Heb. 6:18 -- "two immutable things".

The true Man in Linen is "**Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.**" (Heb. 5:10) He is

"Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." (Heb. 6:20, emp. added)

The superlatives continue for the true Man in Linen for it is written "**For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens**" (Heb. 7:26, emp. added).

What is the sum total of the true Man in Linen?

"Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on 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 pitched, and not man." (Heb. 8:1-2, emp. added)

This is not the Jerusalem which now is as is noted in Gal 4:25. Rather this is set forth as follows - "**But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come**, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, **not made with hands**" (Heb. 9:11, emp. added).

Fundamental Question:

The fundamental question must be asked; seeing that "**Christ being come an high priest of good things to come**" [ibid], if the atonement was finished at the cross why the need for "**good things to come**" in a future tense, as well as a future "**shall be saved**" in Romans 5:10?

True, some may say that when we are saved and sit at His feet in heavenly places that this is what that is referring to.

However, how can that ever be accomplished without the final High Priestly ministration of a pre-advent cleansing? The Bible, including the Book of Hebrews affirms it simply cannot!

The inexhaustible theme continues: We have something special for it is "**having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;)**" (Heb. 10:21-23)

There is a counterfeit man in linen.

Where there is a true, there is always a counterfeit of deception. This is especially made clear in Matt 24:24.

What must be considered and noted very carefully is that the doctrines of the counterfeit man in linen casts down many things; including the crucial Final Atonement; the ministration of Jesus Christ our Great High Priest, and leaves you without an intercessor!

Actually the counterfeit leaves any man or woman in a state of uncleanness and sin. The counterfeit man in linen delivers the belief in a façade of forgiveness, complicated by the unexplainable emphasis on works to justify the righteousness of God. This is the issue today, and it is over sin.

Therefore the deception as warned by Christ Himself is woven throughout the entire doctrinal fabric of the counterfeit man in linen and his predecessors! Paul warned all mankind in 2 Thess. 2:10-12 as to the efficiency of the mystery of iniquity and how it delivers reprehensible deceptive qualities. What happens is the sleeping Laodicean who gives lip service to Christ is endorsing in the same breath the doctrines of the counterfeit man in linen.

The message to any individual in Laodicea is: "How long halt ye between two opinions?" (1 Kings 18:21) It's time to face Bible facts and stop consoling our self with the supposition that our stock standard doctrines and answers endorsed by the ministerial association of Laodicea are without holes; without blemish!

We have so much more to learn whereof Paul wrote concerning "*much more*" (Rom. 5:10) and the "*good things to come*" (Heb. 10:1). It is because the average Laodicean is not familiar with the heavenly ministration which Paul said was "*necessary*" (Hebrews 9:23). Paul is confirming there is a pre-advent cleansing, a Final At-one-ment relationship with He who made! The Genuine Man in Linen.

This is the Everlasting Gospel summed up in the book of Hebrews!

Luke recorded Peter as saying "*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name [Jesus Christ, our Genuine High Priest clothed in Linen] under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*" (Acts 4:12)

In light of all this testimony concerning the Genuine Man in Linen, it is therefore understandable why Christ's jealous nemesis and adversary has ever sought to trample underfoot the truth of, as well as the ministration of the Genuine Man in Linen through the continued existence of a counterfeit man in linen. Who is therefore the counterfeit man in linen?

Some Bible Background:

God provided mankind with sufficient detail to arrive at the proper conclusion as to who is the counterfeit man in linen. Turn your Bibles to Daniel chapter 8.

You will recall how Daniel began pinpointing in a certain manner how "*...the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered.*" (vs. 8-12, the word "sacrifice" is supplied in the KJV.)

God alerts us and has stated the counterfeit man in linen was so successful he trod the truth to the ground and practiced and prospered for a period of 1290 years. "*...It waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.*" (v. 10)

Actually you will observe how the Genuine Man in

Linen confirmed this detail in Daniel 12:6-13. There is a simple and yet a tremendous clue in the book of Daniel that God has given which is stunningly self evident, and which enlightens us as to what inexhaustible truth is cast down by the counterfeit man in linen.

What other journal or theological paper do you read that presents this Biblical fact? There is none.

Have they all been so weary of the Second Coming and ceased from the study of the Scriptures? It seems so!

God said the counterfeit man in linen magnified himself even to the prince of the host. Notice then what the counterfeit man in linen was capable of achieving. It was so successful in a mystical manner it dismantled and trod into the ground the genuine Man in Lined, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. Thankfully Paul confirms otherwise in the Book of Hebrews.

Why study the book of Hebrews? Because it contains the Everlasting Gospel and God have never complicated it!

Daniel informs the world this identity is the "Little Horn" who achieved the incredible superstructure of imitation and with this stunning achievement substituted himself in the place of the True Man in Linen.

Christ, the True Man in Linen is still verily cast down today by the counterfeit man in linen, this includes any religious order, whether Orthodox, Protestant or Evangelical in Christendom today, as well as those to whom you speak to in those communities. This applies especially concerning those who slumber in Laodicea.

What did the counterfeit man in linen achieve? Daniel under inspiration foretells:

"an host was given him against the daily by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered." (v. 12)

The terminus date of how long the counterfeit man in linen would prosper with its abomination of desolation is defined in Dan 8:14.

The "prince of the host" was unknown in His true ministration as Great High Priest. The counterfeit system conquered for more than millennia; he prospered and the True Man in Linen said its duration was a long period of time. This incredible feat of defiance of Heaven, he would practice and prosper for 1290 years.

The counterfeit man in linen destroyed any knowledge and every vestige of the Everlasting Gospel casting the truth to the ground. Heaven was shut out.

The crucial issue of the casting down and depreciation of the ministration of Christ is not the Eucharist. To partake of the Eucharist the religious system requires the forgiveness of sin in the confessional and to be in a state of grace provided by the regular priest in the system of defiance of what the Genuine Man in Linen provides. Resolution of the sin problem in sinful flesh is the critical issue. The confessional is the fundamental teaching of reconciliation or at-one-ment by the counterfeit man in linen.

This is set forth prominently in their counsel with regards to the *sacrament of reconciliation*; otherwise one would be unclean and technically; in the eyes of the church, cannot partake of the Eucharist. [See Catechism paras 1385-1387, 1393, 1395]

The Little Horn masterly developed a counterfeit synonym for Heavens Atonement by insisting there is to be a sacrament of reconciliation. The only way one can partake the Eucharist worthily requires one to make a good confession which is the confessional. This process shuts away the True Man in Linen and His provision of the true light of His 'atonement.' Readers will notice this is confirmed by the counterfeit man in linens application of (1 Cor. 11:27-28) to receive the Eucharist. To miss this vital fact is to remain as Paul described in 2 Tim 3:7.

The carnal nature of man and the sin problem of transgression can never be resolved by the counterfeit system in any of its forms. This is why the ministry of Christ after the Order of Melchizedek is so meaningfully essential.

Notice the following regarding the forgiveness of sin; the Confessional, absolution of sin in the act of the Catholic priest whereby in the Sacrament of Penance, he frees man from sin. Notice what is stated on Wikipedia with emphases by this Editor:

“The penitent makes a sacramental confession of all mortal sins to a priest and prays an act of contrition. The priest then assigns a penance and imparts absolution in the name of the Trinity, on behalf of Christ Himself, using a fixed sacramental formula.”
[<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolution>]

Contrition takes away all stain of guilt, while attrition prepares the way for the real remission of sin in the sacrament.

It is the teaching of the Council of Trent that the form of the Sacrament of Penance, wherein its force principally consists, is placed in these words of the minister, "I absolve thee"

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01061a.htm>

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c2a4.htm

Notice the following: “It is through the sacrament of Penance that the baptized can be reconciled with God and with the Church: Penance has rightly been called by the holy Fathers "a laborious kind of baptism." This sacrament of Penance is necessary for salvation for those who have fallen after Baptism, just as Baptism is necessary for salvation for those who have not yet been reborn. [Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd edition, Para. 980, p. 255]

The following links portray this counterfeit man in linen and recent ecumenical activity.

- 1) http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/12/23/pope_francis_is_awarded_the_international_charlemagne_prize/1196452
- 2) <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/feb/12/pope-francis-russian-orthodox-patriarch-kirill-make-history-cuba-first-meeting-in-1000-years>
- 3) <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-09-23/pope-francis-arrives-in-us-meets-obama-on-first-us-visit/6796958>
- 4) <https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/resource-conflict-communion-basis-lutheran-catholic-commemoration-reformation-2017>

Is it just a coincidence that the counterfeit is also robed in white linen?

The Charlemagne prize is interesting in its relationship to a major ecumenical unification of the Lutheran World Federation and the Orthodox Church.

Some of our readers may remember when over 16 years ago on October 31st 1999 the Lutheran World Federation and the Papacy signed a Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of justification. The Founding Editor addressed this significant development in the 2nd Special Issue of that year. [See WWN, Special Issue – 2 (99)]

The counterfeit man in linen represents a religious-political system which has as its core doctrinal foundation a “Masterpiece of Deception”.

The ongoing attack on the Sanctuary Doctrine and the truth of the Everlasting Gospel is not the debate of 1844, though important as that date is - but rather it is a direct attack on the Man in Linen. The ignorance of, and a denial of how the Little Horn shut out Heaven and Christ’s ministration, is in effect the denial of the Everlasting Gospel and the Man in Linen, our Saviour from sin.

For if we fail to understand what the very objective of the Everlasting Gospel is all about, and what this attack means in relation to that objective, we will surely be counted among the numerous casualties of this continual intensive & determined assault on the true Man in Linen! #

{To be continued...}

“two opinions”

This past January I attended a Christian conference in Victoria, Australia. During one of the morning sessions one of the guest speakers from the States began his Power point presentation on the subject of "knowing Christ".

To my immediate surprise most of the texts given for the presentation were from the book of Hebrews. Sadly this was an occurrence that this Editor rarely witnesses. This need not be the case. However the reason why for such widespread silence is understandable in light of the Little Horn casting down the Man in Linen.

The speaker spoke of Christ as our High Priest who ever liveth to make intercession for us. I was sitting on the edge of my seat. On the surface, with what this speaker was saying I could heartily agree. However when one of the slides of the power point presentation was finally reached, it was then made clear where the Scriptural understanding of Christ as High Priest came to an abrupt halt.

How effectual has been the Little Horn in its far reaching efforts of defiance of the Sanctuary Doctrine with other religious communities! Sadly this defiance was echoed in what the speaker was presenting within the context of "knowing Christ", and that halting opinion was that Christ put away sin and "cleansed" us at the Cross.

However the Everlasting Gospel, summed up in the book of Hebrews unquestionably reveals the genuine knowledge of knowing Christ as our faithful and Great High Priest; the Man in Linen, in an At-one-ment relationship which results in our cleansing prior to His second coming!

Why was there no reference to the crucial part of the "necessary" (Hebrews 9:23) ministration of Christ as our Great High Priest? Why was there no reference or explanation why Christ was made a Great High Priest and a "Minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man."? (Heb. 8:2)

Why was not the crucial aspect as to what had to be cleansed in Hebrews 9:23 and why, never shared with those who were in attendance? Why was there no genuine witness concerning the fundamental premise as to why the very proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel following Calvary?

How would Paul react today? This concerns what he said three verses later in verse 26 -- "but now once in the

end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." The first question that came to mind was this -- if Christ put away sin at the cross and made purification, cleansing, why am I in my own experience still sinning? Therefore this halting opinion does not resolve the issue of sin.

After having been earlier presented with the text that we have an anchor of the soul and then upon hearing this, the conclusion was inescapable. If I was to accept this sum of the book of Hebrews I no longer had an anchor of the soul, or a Mediator!

This regular teaching in the faith communities was therefore made clear to me that this position could not answer the dilemma Christians find themselves in; how does God resolve the sin problem, and how does a man overcome sin in sinful flesh?

Sadly, when I approached various Individuals at the conference to share Christ as the Man in Linen from the Book of Hebrews, many were uncomfortable with this, and said so. How can this be? In fact the presentation did just that, stomped upon the ministration of Christ our Great High Priest and I felt uncomfortable!

So uncomfortable was it that it could not make me free; in verity it would fundamentally leave me without a wedding garment! Why? Because what was "necessary" for our Great High Priest to cleanse in Heb. 9:23 and why, was a feature which was totally removed from the whole picture of Christ. The Everlasting Gospel was removed!

As I sat there and continued to listen the question bored right through me. "If it was necessary for me to actually lay down my life for this man (the speaker) in order for him to understand the Word of God concerning the ministration of the Man in Linen and His High Priestly cleansing more perfectly, would I do it?"

I immediately thought of my family. I resolved to answer in the affirmative. I then realised how wonderfully precious this Everlasting Gospel message was. I have never had anything else more powerful and which provided such a strong hope and consolation for me in my whole life in the fight with self and sin. To me the "one pearl of great price" (Matt. 13:46) is "great gain" (1 Tim. 6:6). This is the Cross friends!

How about you Dear Reader, are you willing to relinquish all preconceived opinions that do not agree

with the Word of God so as to have that at-one-ment relationship with the Genuine Man in Linen?

“How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.” (1 Kings 18:21, emp. added)

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