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## REND YOUR HEART, NOT YOUR GARMENTS

- Our Text** The scripture is (Joel 2:13) and reads thus: “Rend your \_\_\_\_\_, and not your \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ unto the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ God.” It was (and is) customary in various societies for folks to rip and tear their clothing in expressing bewilderment, distress, and grief. In (V12) God said, “turn ye even to me with \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Don’t Make A Show** Many interpretations are given to Jesus’ words (Mt 6:3), “let not thy \_\_\_\_\_ hand \_\_\_\_\_ what thy right \_\_\_\_\_ doeth.” Why? Some people make a show of their religion. (V5) “that they may be \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.” It is (Rom 10:10) “with the \_\_\_\_\_ man believeth unto \_\_\_\_\_.” Christians must (Eph 6:6) do “the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_” understanding (V7) that they, “with \_\_\_\_\_ will” are “doing \_\_\_\_\_, as to the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.” God (Mt 6:8) knows your heart “\_\_\_\_\_ ye \_\_\_\_\_ him.”
- Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit** This beatitude (Mt 5:3) deals with what a man doesn’t have and not what he possesses. This man realizes his own inadequacy and is fully aware that he needs God’s grace. That’s why (Ps 51:17) “the \_\_\_\_\_ of God are a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit: a broken and a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.” Contrition means *feeling sorrow for shortcomings – repentance*. Is thy heart right with God? He alone (Acts 1:24) “knowest the \_\_\_\_\_ of all men.” (Ps 24:4-5) “He that hath \_\_\_\_\_ hands, and a \_\_\_\_\_ heart---shall receive the \_\_\_\_\_ from the LORD.”
- The Penitent Believer** Unlike NT baptism, a physical, one time act of obedience that forever (Acts 22:16; Rom 3:25) accomplishes “the remission of \_\_\_\_\_ that are \_\_\_\_\_,” one must repent and confess Christ on a daily basis throughout life. The penitent believer is a life-long Christian who has a contrite heart. He/she may be 30, 60 or 90. That is immaterial. (Prov 4:23) “Keep thy \_\_\_\_\_ with all \_\_\_\_\_, for out of it are the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Godly Sorrow** Paul wrote the Corinthians that “I rejoice, \_\_\_\_\_ that ye were made \_\_\_\_\_, but that ye \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.” Everyone is sorry when they make mistakes, are found out, and have to suffer a penalty. Paul emphasizes (2 Cor 7:9-10) that this is “sorrow of the \_\_\_\_\_” and “worketh \_\_\_\_\_.” He was glad they “sorrowed to repentance” and explains that “\_\_\_\_\_ sorrow \_\_\_\_\_ repentance to \_\_\_\_\_” and is “not to be \_\_\_\_\_ of.” That’s why one is told “rend your \_\_\_\_\_, and not your garments.”
- Public Displays vs Private Reconciliation** Man is told (Ex 23:2), “Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ to do evil” and that (1 Cor 15:33) “evil communications \_\_\_\_\_ good \_\_\_\_\_.” Many act differently in public than in private. Showing off is common, yet very juvenile. It exposes one’s immaturity and character flaws. Rending one’s clothing accomplishes nothing. (1 Jn 3:21) “If our heart condemn us not, then have we \_\_\_\_\_ toward \_\_\_\_\_.”

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