

WHITE AS SNOW

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Having grown up in Ohio, I lived through numerous winters. Snow was a major part of those winters, especially in the “Blizzard of ‘78” where I saw more snow than I have ever seen before or since.

A new, fresh snowfall is a beautiful sight to behold. Everything is covered with a pure white blanket that glistens in the sun. I remember being blinded by the whiteness of the snow as it reflected the bright sunlight.

The intense whiteness of snow is used to describe the garment of the Ancient of Days (Dan. 7:9), the clothes of Jesus when He was transfigured (Mk. 9:2-3), as well as His head and hair when He appeared to John on Patmos (Rev. 1:14).

The color white in the Bible symbolizes purity. The great multitude pictured in the book of Revelation standing before the throne was clothed with white robes washed in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:9, 14). In the vision of Revelation 19, Jesus comes riding on a white horse followed by armies clothed in white-on-white horses (vv. 11, 14). In the old western movies, the good guy always wore the white hat!

David beseeched God to “purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” (Psa. 51:7). To rebellious Israel, God said, “Call now, and let us reason together...Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isa. 1:18).

Sin stains and defiles our “garments” before God. We wash our dirty clothes to clean them. We need to keep our spiritual garments cleansed from the defilement of sin. The blood of Jesus is the perfect thing to wash our sins away and cleanse our soul before God. With David, let us call on God to wash us and make us whiter than snow. How wonderful that when we confess our sins, God is “faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn. 1:9).