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## **New Clothes**

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**I** AM sure that when you go back to school after your summer holidays you see many boys and girls with new clothes. In the Bible, clothes are called ‘‘robes’’, ‘‘garments’’, ‘‘apparel’’ and ‘‘rayment’’. People in the Bible usually wore long, flowing clothes. Some of you will remember the coat of many colours which Joseph had, and the fine garment which Achan stole.

The Bible tells us about clothes for the soul as well as for the body. Did you know that God says you must have proper clothing to cover your soul? The Bible says that we need to have on ‘‘the robe of righteousness’’, ‘‘the wedding garment’’, ‘‘the garments of salvation’’, and ‘‘white rayment’’.

If you are not saved, you are not right before God. Your sins make you bad and filthy. So you must have the robe of the righteousness of Christ to cover your soul, and to make you right before God. When God makes a sinner able to believe in Jesus Christ, He gives him the robe of Christ’s righteousness at the same time.

When someone believes in Jesus Christ, it means that he now loves Jesus and is married to Him. So, you see, the robe of righteousness is also the wedding garment for the soul. You will never get into heaven to sit down at the marriage feast at last if you do not have on the wedding garment.

The Bible also teaches that the wedding garment will make you beautiful in your soul. Sin has made you ugly and filthy, and anything which is not clean and beautiful cannot go into heaven. You need the wedding garment to make you fit to go into heaven. A bride looks beautiful in her wedding dress on her wedding day. So all who believe in Jesus will be altogether beautiful in heaven because they will have on the white rayment of saints.

Christ tells you to go to Himself to get this white rayment to cover the shame of your nakedness. Yes, He is most willing to give you this new clothing for your soul. You need it very much. He tells you, ‘‘Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find’’.

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## **The Kiwi**

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**T**HE kiwi is found only in New Zealand. Many people living there have never seen one since it hides in its burrow until late evening or night time. Its name comes from its call, ‘‘kee wee’’, as it moves about in the darkness.