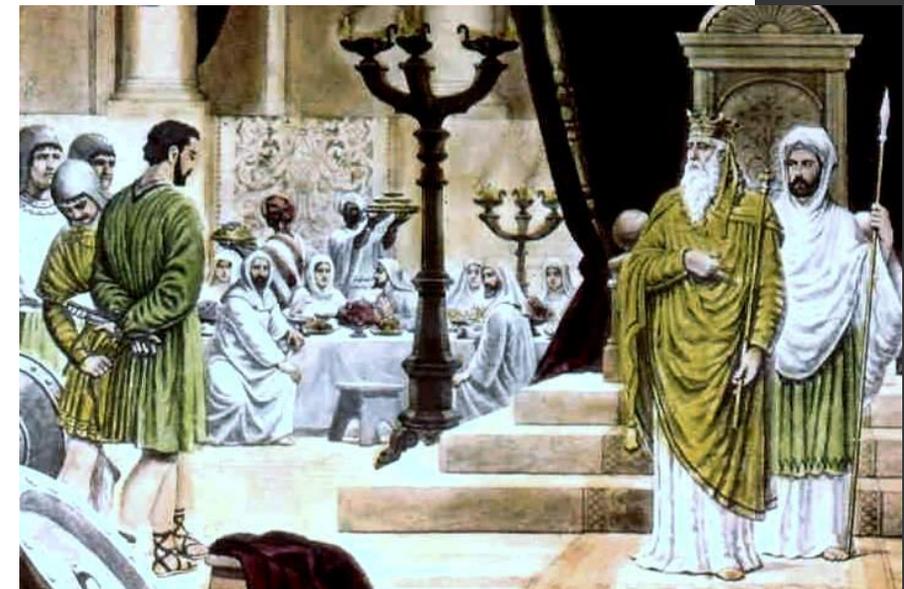




“No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old.” – Luke 5:36

# Introduction

- New fabric on an old garment
- What is the garment?
- “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.” (Matt. 22:11)
- The garment is a necessity
- “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (Jn. 3:5)



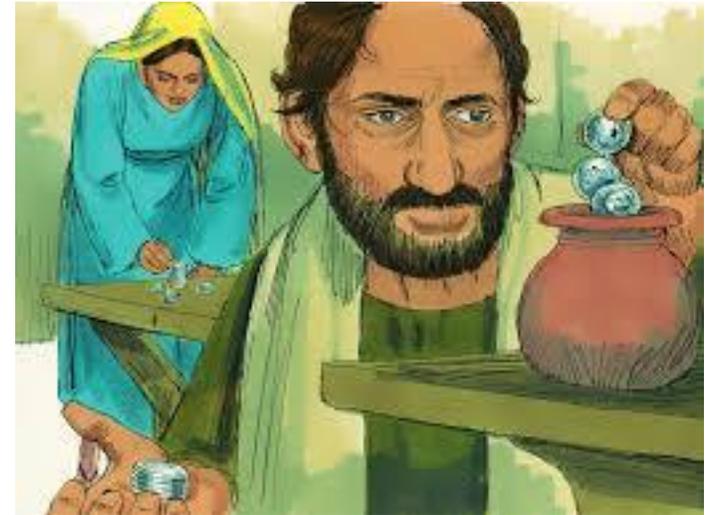
# 1. Have only one garment

- And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” (1 Kings 18:21)
- Have we lost our reference?
- Only one color is worn after Baptism



## 2. Hiding blemishes

- Some attempt to hide their blemishes with “good” things
- Examples:
  - The Blemish of Hatred (e.g., Judas)
  - The Blemish of Greed (e.g., Ananias and Sapphira)
  - The Blemish of Hypocrisy
- “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” (Jam. 1:27)



### 3. Offensive

- A new piece of fabric on an old garment will be offensive
- Ex: Pharisees
- “Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.” (Matt. 23:3)

# 4. Deceived

- Changing one piece of a garment does not make the whole garment good
- Those who believe this are deceived
- “Because you say, “I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked...” (Rev. 3:17)

Wretched

Miserable

Poor Blind

**Naked**