

# Job 29:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

## Analysis

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Job recalls: 'I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.' The clothing metaphor suggests righteousness as external garment and internal identity. Job's past life embodied justice, making present accusations particularly painful.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern royalty and judges wore distinctive garments symbolizing authority. Job's metaphor suggests righteousness was his characteristic dress.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean to 'put on' righteousness as clothing?

2. How does this metaphor anticipate New Testament language of being clothed in Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 61:10** (Righteousness): I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

**Isaiah 59:17** (Righteousness): For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

**Psalms 132:9** (Righteousness): Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

**Ephesians 6:14** (Righteousness): Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

**Revelation 19:8** (Righteousness): And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

**Job 27:6** (Righteousness): My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

**Isaiah 62:3** (Parallel theme): Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

**2 Corinthians 6:7** (Righteousness): By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

**1 Thessalonians 5:8** (Parallel theme): But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

**Deuteronomy 24:13** (Righteousness): In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

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