

# Job 38:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.

## Analysis

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"It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment." Dawn transforms earth's appearance as dramatically as wet clay receives a seal's impression or a garment displays its colors when unfolded. The Hebrew *tithappek* (תִּתְהַפֵּךְ, "is turned/transformed") suggests complete change. Darkness flattens landscape into indistinct shapes; sunrise reveals contours, colors, and details. This demonstrates God's artistic creativity and the transformation He brings. Spiritually, it anticipates how divine illumination transforms our perception of reality.

## Historical Context

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Ancient seals impressed wet clay with distinctive images, creating permanent identification. Similarly, folded garments appeared drab until opened to display vibrant patterns. Job's audience would immediately grasp these transformation metaphors. The daily renewal of visible beauty would remind them of God's faithfulness in renewing creation.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How has God's light transformed your perception of yourself, others, or circumstances?
2. What areas of your life need the transforming illumination of God's truth?

## Interlinear Text

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לְבָשָׂן כְּמֵזִין וְיִתְיַצֵּב וְתַּפְפֹּר כְּחַמְרָה חֹתֶם וְתַּחֲזִק מַר  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 104:6** (Parallel theme): Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

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