

# Job 40:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.

## Analysis

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"Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty." God sarcastically challenges Job to clothe himself with divine attributes. The Hebrew verbs—adeh (הָעֵד, "adorn yourself") with gaon (גָּאֹן, "majesty/pride") and hod (הָדָה, "splendor/majesty")—describe royal or divine glory. This exposes human inability to assume God's role. We cannot fabricate the attributes necessary for righteous governance. The verse teaches that recognizing what we lack should produce humility, not resentment.

## Historical Context

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Ancient kings clothed themselves in magnificent garments symbolizing authority and glory. Yet even royal splendor paled before divine majesty. God's challenge reminded Job (and readers) that no human can assume divine prerogatives. This would humble pretensions to question God's governance.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. What divine attributes do you wish you had, forgetting that only God can possess them?
2. How does accepting your creaturely limitations paradoxically free you from anxiety?

## Interlinear Text

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נָאָתָּה	נָאָתָּה	בְּגָבְרָה	בְּגָבְרָה
<b>Deck</b> H4994 H5710	<b>thyself now with majesty</b> H1347	<b>and excellency</b> H1363	<b>thyself with glory</b> H1935
תְּלִבְשָׁה	תְּלִבְשָׁה	רִפְצָה	רִפְצָה
<b>and beauty</b> H1926	<b>and array</b> H3847		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 93:1** (Parallel theme): The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

**Psalms 149:4** (Parallel theme): For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

**Isaiah 59:17** (Parallel theme): 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.