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Soiled Garments — 1 John 3:21

We can't go before the Lord with a soiled garment, (1 Jn 3:21) unless we go for the purpose of removing the soil from our garment. Heb 4:16, 1 Jn 1:9 We must then put on our righteous robe of the Lord Yahshua Messiah Himself. He is our Robe. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit in whom we have been sealed until the day of redemption. For our work to be complete in His sight — for it to meet the requirements of the righteousness of the All-Knowing God — our deeds must be perfect, free of imperfection (Rev 3:2), in order for them to be 'good deeds'. Titus 2:14 We must be zealous for good deeds, and only after we have met the requirements of the good news and given ourselves completely into the hands of the Savior, who gave Himself for us so that He might redeem us from all impurity (mixture) and to purify us to the perfect composition of His divine nature (2 Pt 1:4) — His attributes which follow in 2 Pt 1:4-11 — by obedience to 1 Pt 2:9, a holy people, royal in nature, a priesthood which are devoted only to God's purpose, the purpose He had in mind when He created us. He redeemed us for the same purpose he created us for, His special possession of *man*, a man who is once again one, undivided, zealous and enthusiastic about doing deeds which are of His initiative and from our communion with Him and His church, which benefits Him and his purpose and plan — the building up of the Body of Messiah.

Ps 130:8 — He will redeem Israel, virgin Israel will return, from all their lawless deeds (Zeph 3:11-12). These deeds are the ones which virgin Israel are ashamed of and which transgressed against God and His law. Ps 130:8 and Zeph 3:11-13 speak of lawless deeds. He will remove all those who persist in these lawless deeds and leave only a humble people who take refuge in the name of the Lord. Deut 14:2; Mal 3:17; etc., etc., etc., etc. Rev 14:1-5; Zeph 3:13 We must know Him and He must know us, the seed of Abraham. What is left of Israel shall not do lawless acts or speak lies, neither falsehood nor deceit nor guile come forth any more from Jacob, redeemed Jacob. Virgin Israel shall return, full of grace.

What Yahshua prophesied in Mt 24:10-12 does not have to come upon us — if we are virgin Israel.

Mt 24:24 Only the elect won't be deceived — the elect are those who, like Jacob, cling to the Lord and overcome. This is the seed of Abraham. Rev 14:1-5 There won't be any lawlessness (guile) in Israel. That is why they won't be deceived because there won't be deceit in them. Guile is Satan's avenue to lead us astray because we won't love the truth, but will try to cover up. This falsehood, guile, deceit, is why we won't love the truth. Paul in 2 Cor 10:3-6 says our weapons are prayer. Whenever we are obedient to apostolic direction, then our obedience is complete, and they can punish every act of lawlessness.

2 Thes 2:10 There is obstinacy to come against the knowledge of the truth. The Elijah (Mal 3:3-4) will put it out of the church. Mt 17:11 He will restore God's people from their lawlessness. The greatest command to be restored to them will be the 4th commandment. Is 58:13-14

1 Sam 15:22 Obedience is better than sacrifice. Saul's sacrifice was an abomination to the Lord (Prov 15:8) because he was a lawless man, one who did not obey the command of the Lord — he had an obstinate heart. David was not lawless. Because Saul was lawless, he lost the kingdom (1 Sam 15:28). But David was a man who would obey the command of God, who would do all his

will. (Acts 13:22, 36) David served the purpose of God. From the scriptures like these, Yahshua came to understand about losing the kingdom, because Saul lost it. Also as Paul wrote about "all things working together for those who are called according to His purpose," this was in relation to the writings concerning David "serving His purpose" (Acts 13:36). Mt 24:24; Ps 89:22 — This is where Yahshua came to understand that lawlessness wouldn't affect the elect. Ps 89:30-37 The seed of David get disciplined if they sin, but He won't violate His covenant. He will not lie to David. His descendants shall endure forever. This is His Covenant with the seed of David. We are the seed of David if we wash our robes white, turning from all lawlessness and deeds of the flesh, being diligent to keep the commands of the Lord. Jn 14:21-24; Jn 15:12; 1 Jn 2:4-6. Mk 10 — The rich young ruler didn't seem to be a lawless man. He said that he had kept all the commandments from his youth. But in reality, he had not. He had transgressed the first and greatest commandment of the Lord. This was evident in his response to the Savior's call to give up all his wealth. He may have always said that everything he had was God's. And as he justified his amassing of such great wealth, the obstinacy of his heart became obvious as he held it as more precious than the Lord himself. He did not love the Lord with all his heart, mind, and strength, or his neighbor as himself. He didn't obey the first commandment.