

A GARMENT TAILORED FOR ONE MAN

ACTS 10:43 • TV187B

A television broadcast sermon delivered
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 1983
By
HENRY T. MAHAN

Transcribed, edited and published
NOVEMBER 21ST, 2012

HENRY T. MAHAN TAPE LIBRARY
Zebulon Baptist Church
6088 Zebulon Highway
Pikeville, KY 41501

Acts 10:43

“To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”

I want to bring you a message today on this subject: **“A GARMENT TAILORED FOR ONE MAN.”**

I am turning to **Acts chapter 10: verse 43**, in which the Word of God says, *“to him give all the prophets witness, that through his name, whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”*

I have in my possession and some of you right now have possibly in your hands a book called the Holy Bible.

This is no ordinary book; it is called the *“Word of God.”* That is what the Scripture says about the Scriptures; all Scripture is God breathed or given by inspiration of God. *“Holy men spake (or wrote) as they were moved (inspired, verbally so) by the Holy Spirit.”*

A GARMENT TAILORED FOR ONE MAN

ACTS 10:43 • HENRY T. MAHAN

Now, God used 40 men over a period of 1,500 years to record His Word. It was started 3,500 years ago by Moses, who wrote the book of Genesis. It was completed by the apostle John 2,000 years ago on the Isle of Patmos.

This unusual book, this extraordinary book, this supernatural book has spanned the barrier of time. You might ask this question: “Where are the books of men, written by men, even 500 years old?” A book written 500 years ago is hard to find; they just have not come through the years of time. They have not overcome time.

The Bible is 3,500 years old. It’s spanned the barrier of time; not only that, this book has spanned the barrier of language. It has been translated into over 1,000 languages.

The Bible is read not only in English but it is read in nearly every language in the world, almost every tribe, and every nation, everywhere. The Bible has been translated into every language. There are over 1,000 languages.

Then, it has spanned the barrier of age. The Bible is read by little children. The Bible is read by old, gray-haired men. It has the same message for all. It is enjoyed by little tots; it is enjoyed by people in their teens, in youth, in middle age and in old age and it is read and appreciated by every age.

Where are the books of men that are read by old men and children? You don’t see children sitting around reading books that you read. You don’t read children’s books except to read to your little ones. You don’t read for your own pleasure and enjoyment. The Word of God is read by all men of all ages.

Then, the Bible has spanned the barrier of nationality. Now, where are the Chinese books that we read here in America? Where are the Russian books, or the Burmese or Indian books? We don’t read their books, nor do they read ours.

But, the Bible is read by Chinese, by Indians, by Russians, Americans, Africans, Australians or whoever. It has spanned the barrier of nationality.

The Bible has spanned the barrier of education and social standings. You will see a lawyer and a layman reading the Word of God. You will see a teacher, a professor, or a farmer.

The president or the king will read God’s Word and so will laborers, or even a Mexican peasant. This Book is the Word of God. This is no ordinary Book, this is God’s Word.

Now then, there is no question but that this is the Word of God. God has been pleased to reveal Himself in His Word. God reveals Himself in the heavens; *“the heavens declare the glory of God. The firmament showeth His handiwork.”*

A GARMENT TAILORED FOR ONE MAN

ACTS 10:43 • HENRY T. MAHAN

God has revealed Himself and is understood by the things that are made. That is what Paul said in Romans, “*so that all men are without excuse, (in nature), in the things that are made.*” David spoke of the human body and said, “*How wonderfully I am made.*”

God has revealed Himself in the conscience of men. He has written His law on every heart so that men are without excuse. God chiefly reveals Himself through His Word.

If a man would know God he has to come to the Word of God for in the Word of God He reveals His deity; in the Word of God He reveals His character and His purpose. In the Word of God He reveals His law and He reveals His love.

He reveals His grace and His justice. In the Word of God He reveals the story of creation, how things came to be. In the Word of God He reveals the rise and fall of men. In the Word of God He reveals His plan of salvation.

All those things are found in the Word of God. The Word of God is a book of love, a book of justice, a book of righteousness and holiness. The Word of God is a book of creation and providence.

The Word of God is a history of men, but yet it is His story. Chiefly, now you listen to me carefully; this is where I am building to; chiefly the theme of the Bible, chiefly the theme of that book called the Word of God is the story of the Man, the God-Man Mediator.

I did not say, a man; I said, the man. Chiefly, the Bible is the story of the Man. It is the story of one Man. It is the story of the Man who was and who is and whoever shall be.

The Bible is the story of the man who is “*the same yesterday, today, and forever.*” The Bible is the story of the Man, “*who was with God and was God.*” The Bible is the story of the Man “*who was made flesh and dwelt among us.*”

The Bible is the story of the Man who lived and died and lived again. The Bible is the story of the Man who “*ascended to the right hand of God where He reigns,*” where the Scripture says; “*He must reign until he puts every enemy under his feet and the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death at which time he will deliver the Kingdom up to the Father.*”

One day Jesus Christ had been beaten and mocked and cruelly treated by the soldiers. His hands were bound. There was a cruel crown of thorns on His brow. His back had been lacerated. His beard had been plucked out. He had been spat upon and mistreated.

He stood before Pilate in a throng, a huge throng of people. Pilate addressed that throng of people and turning and pointing to Jesus Christ, He uttered three words; “*behold the man.*” He didn’t say “*behold a man.*” Pilate said; “*behold the man.*”

A GARMENT TAILORED FOR ONE MAN

ACTS 10:43 • HENRY T. MAHAN

I am saying that Pilate, when he made that statement, those three words, summed up the purpose of the Word of God, *“behold the man; behold the man.”* That is what it is all about. The chief theme of the Word of God is the story of the Man, Jesus Christ.

The men whom God used to write the Bible had the same message that Pilate spoke that day; *“behold the man.”* That is what I read to you from **Acts 10** a moment ago. The apostle wrote this, *“To him gave all the prophets witness, to him.”*

Then, our Lord said; *“Moses wrote of me; if you had believed Moses you would have believed me.”* I am his theme; *“Moses wrote of me.”*

Do you know what it said about Isaiah in **John 12**? The Scripture says, *“When Isaiah saw his glory he spake of him.”* That is who Isaiah is talking about when he says, *“the Lord himself shall give you a sign, a virgin shall be with child and unto us a child is born; his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God.”*

The Eunuch asked Phillip about **Isaiah 53**; *“This fellow Isaiah; I have been reading **Isaiah 53**, of whom is he speaking?”* *“Phillip began at that same scripture and preached to him Jesus.”*

Jesus Christ is the theme of Isaiah, the theme of Moses. *“Abraham saw my day. He rejoiced to see it and was glad.”*

I am saying this, I’m wrapping this whole thing up in one statement; the men who wrote the Bible, inspired by God, anointed by God, in a supernatural way, blessed by God; the men, who wrote the Bible with their words, tailored a garment for one man.

They tailored a garment, every promise, every prophecy, and every picture, every type and every symbol, every ceremony, every ritual, everything in the Bible, it all fits one man, one man, and only one man, and that is the Man.

My friend, if you have been given by the grace of God, eyes to behold Him, to see Him, if you have been given by the grace of God ears with which to hear Him and a heart with which to believe Him, then you have discovered, you have found God’s Redeemer.

One of the apostles said to the other; *“we have found him of whom the prophets spake.”* How did they know it was Him? The Word of God revealed Him.

Simeon found Him. Simeon, when he held Christ in his arms, he lifted his eyes to heaven and he said; *“Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, mine eyes have seen what I have been waiting for; mine eyes have beheld thy salvation.”* Simeon found Him.

John the Baptist found Him. One day, standing by the river Jordan, he pointed to this man Jesus Christ, and he said; *“behold the lamb of God.”* There is the Lamb of God. That is the Lamb; that is the Lamb of which the Passover Lamb is a type.

A GARMENT TAILORED FOR ONE MAN

ACTS 10:43 • HENRY T. MAHAN

That is the Lamb of which Abel's lamb is a picture. That is the Lamb right there that every Old Testament sacrifice pictured. There is the Lamb of God.

Peter found Him. He said to Him, "*We believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the son of the living God.*" Thomas found Him. Thomas sat at His feet and exclaimed; "*My Lord and my God.*"

The thief on the cross found Him. He said, "You are not going to stay dead; I am getting what I deserve but you are coming into a Kingdom; "*Lord remember me when you come into your Kingdom.*"

Even that old Roman Centurion, when Christ died on that cross, he looked at Him hanging on that tree and said, "*Surely this man was the Son of God.*"

So, the message that I am called to proclaim, that I am called of God to preach, is this; Jesus of Nazareth who was born in Bethlehem, who grew up in a carpenter's shop in Nazareth, who walked the streets of Jerusalem and the shores of the Galilee, who died on the cross of Calvary, is that man for whom this garment was tailored.

He is "*that man of whom the prophets spake.*" Jesus Christ is God in human flesh. Jesus Christ is our Messiah and God's Christ. The garment fits Him.

I am going to give you some Scriptures. I wish you would do this; I want you to study this. I don't suppose you will ever hear a more important message. It may be a little more difficult to listen to because I am going to give use a lot of Scriptures.

I am saying this; the Bible is God's Word and the Bible is the story of the Man. Its chief theme is the Man. It pictures the Man whom God would send, the Man who was, is, and ever shall be, "*the same yesterday, today and forever.*"

If you can find that Man whom this garment fits and to whom these prophecies refer, if you can find that Man you have found the Christ. You can trust Him, rest in Him, believe in Him, and you will have salvation.

I am saying, Jesus Christ is that Man. He is that Man of whom Moses' spake. He is that Man of whom Isaiah prophesied. He is that Man of whom David wrote. He is David's Son. He is the heir to the throne that God said would never pass away.

If you know Him, and trust Him, and believe in Him and rest in Him, you will reign with Him, with Christ. God only has one Man and that is the Man from heaven, the Man Christ Jesus, is the Redeemer in whom there is redemption.

First of all: His birth, the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth was according to the Scriptures; it fulfilled the Scriptures.

A GARMENT TAILORED FOR ONE MAN

ACTS 10:43 • HENRY T. MAHAN

I want you to watch the word fulfilled while I am reading these Scriptures. The Scripture says that he was to be a man, *“the seed of woman.”* That is what God said in **Genesis 3:15**; the Messiah is going to be *“the seed of woman.”*

Jesus Christ was born of Mary. He was a virgin-born son. He had no human father; He was conceived by the Holy Spirit. He was the seed of woman.

Also, He was to be the seed of Abraham, He was to come through Abraham. God promised Abraham a seed and that seed was Christ. Jesus Christ is the seed of Abraham. He is of *“the tribe of Judah,”* not Levi, Judah, and He was the family of Jesse who was David’s father. He was going to be of the house of David.

In **Luke chapter 2**, when Mary was great with child; she was 8 ½ or 9 months pregnant when she and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem to be taxed. There was a heathen king who sent word that all the world was to be taxed and everybody was to go to his own city.

Now, what in the world was Mary and Joseph doing in Bethlehem, when she should have been home having her child? She had to go there to be taxed. That is not the chief reason; the chief reason in the **book of Micah** in the Old Testament said that Christ will be born in Bethlehem.

When those wise men came through town and asked Herod; *“where is he that is born king of the Jews?”* Herod called for the Scriptures and all the scribes and the translators of Scripture, and said; “Where is this king of the Jews; where is this Messiah, where is this Christ that is supposed to be born?”

They said, *“In Bethlehem”* recorded in **Micah 5:2**. That is the reason these wise men went to Bethlehem; that is the reason Mary and Joseph were there. Jesus Christ, first of all, was born in Bethlehem to fulfill the Scriptures.

When the angel came to Joseph and said, *“Call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins;”* this was that the prophecy of Isaiah might be fulfilled which is said, *“Immanuel, God with us.”*

Listen to **Matthew 2**: *“And Joseph was forced to flee to Egypt.”* When Herod found out where Christ was born, when Herod found out where the King of the Jews was born, he was going to kill Him.

So, Joseph fled to Egypt. And it says, *“when he fled to Egypt with the child, it was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.”* This was spoken in **Hosea 11:1**; *“out of Egypt have I called my son.”*

Jesus Christ, first of all, was born of the house of David. He was born of a descendant of David’s throne, Mary. He was born in Bethlehem. He left Bethlehem and was taken by

Joseph down to Egypt because that is what the Scripture said that he would do in **Hosea 11**.

Not only that; Herod sent word for all the children under two years of age to be killed, hoping that he would kill this king. It says in **Matthew 2:17**; *“then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet.”*

He was talking about the wail going up from Israel because of the death of the children. Herod fulfilled the Scriptures; trying to kill Jesus of Nazareth.

Then, in **Matthew 2:19**, Joseph came and dwelt, after he left Egypt, he came and dwelt in Nazareth. Why did he go to Nazareth? Listen; **Matthew 2:23** *“that it might be fulfilled, that which was spoken by the prophets; he will be called a Nazarene.”*

Let me tell you something; the Messiah has to be a man, born of a virgin and he has to be the seed of Abraham, the tribe of Judah, the family of Jesse, the house of David. He has to be born in Bethlehem. He must leave Bethlehem and go to Egypt. He must leave Egypt and go to Nazareth that *“the Scriptures might be fulfilled.”*

I am saying that every event surrounding the birth and the coming into the world of Jesus Christ is according to the Old Testament Scriptures. He is the Christ. This garment fits Him in His birth and it only fits Him; it fits no one else.

Secondly: His life on earth was according to the Scriptures. In **Matthew 4:14** it says; *“He left Nazareth then and dwelt at Capernaum that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah.”*

In **Matthew 13:34** it says, as he was preaching to the people; *“all these things spake Jesus in parables.”* He spoke to the people in parables. You know that; you can read his messages, they were in parables. Why? *“That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, saying; I will open my mouth in parables.”*

One day He sent His disciples to get a donkey and to bring for Him to ride into the city. Why would Jesus of Nazareth ride into the city upon a donkey? Well; let's read in the Word of God. *“He rode into the city on an ass that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets; behold, my king cometh sitting on an ass.”*

Everything He did in life, in **John 12:37**; *“though he did many miracles before them, they didn't believe, that the saying might be fulfilled, written by Isaiah, O Lord; who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?”*

Then, in **John 15:23**, they hated him, they despised him; they turned thumbs-down on him, why? *“That it might be fulfilled written in their law; they hated me without a cause.”*

A GARMENT TAILORED FOR ONE MAN

ACTS 10:43 • HENRY T. MAHAN

In His birth, our Lord Jesus Christ, Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled every prophecy, every picture, every promise, concerning the Messiah. The garment fit Him perfectly, in His life, everything from His move from Nazareth to Capernaum, through His riding into the city on a donkey, through Him preaching in parables, healing the sick that it might be fulfilled.

He took our diseases and our sicknesses. The hatred of the people was fulfilling the Scriptures, every step He took, every word He spoke, everything He did, was according to the Scriptures. Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ.

But, I am not through. His death was according to the Scriptures. In **1 Corinthians 15: 1 through 4**, Paul said this and I preached from this last week; *“Moreover brethren; I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, and this gospel I delivered unto you is how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures: And that He was buried and rose again.”* Everything in His death was according to the Scriptures.

Let me show you a few:

Now through His life, sitting at the Lord’s Table, He fulfilled the Scriptures. He came with His disciples to observe the Passover, when He instituted the Lord’s Table. Sitting around that table, with His 12 disciples, He said; as He had spoken about them; *“I speak not of you all.”*

Listen: This is in **John 13:18**; *“I speak not of you all. I know whom I have chosen. But, that the scriptures might be fulfilled; he that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.”* There had to be a Judas, the Scriptures must be fulfilled.

In **Mark 14:46**, they came to the Garden. Our Lord was in the Garden praying and waiting for the disciples. They came there, the men and officers from the high priest. They came to arrest Him in the Garden to forcefully take Him.

He said, *“I was with you every day out there on the street and in the temple and you never touched me.”* Why? Listen to **Mark 14:49**: *“They took him in this matter that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.”*

Read on; **Mark 15**: *“He was crucified between two thieves.”* Was there a reason for this; *“that the Scriptures might be fulfilled, which are written; He was numbered with the transgressors?”*

Then, in **John 19**, the soldiers that nailed Him to the tree and they were down there around the foot of the cross and they parted His garments and divided them. They came to His robe and they didn’t divide it, they cast lots for it. Why?

That the Scriptures might be fulfilled which said, *“They departed my garments among them. For my vesture, my robe, did they cast lots.”* **John 19:28**; *“After these things*

A GARMENT TAILORED FOR ONE MAN

ACTS 10:43 • HENRY T. MAHAN

Jesus knowing that all things were fulfilled, cried; I thirst.” Why, “That the Scriptures might be fulfilled.”

John 19:32: The soldiers came to Him and break the legs of the first thief and break the legs of the other thief. They did not brake the legs of Christ, they pierced his side, why, that the Scriptures might be fulfilled which said; *“not a bone of him shall be broken.”*

I am saying to you, my friend, that even those who betrayed Him, even those who despised Him, fulfilled the Scriptures. Listen to **Acts 3:18:** *“Those things which God before had showed by the mouth of the prophets that the Lord Jesus Christ should suffer, even so, he fulfilled.”*

Now watch this: And Paul said in the book of **Acts**; *“Men and brethren; to you is the Word of salvation sent. For they at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not (they didn’t recognize him) nor yet the voice of the prophets which were read every Sabbath Day in their synagogue; they fulfilled the Scriptures in condemning Him.”*

All of these things fulfilled the Scriptures.

I ask you a personal question today: *“What think ye of Christ?”* It is the most important question with which you can be confronted, the messiah you believe in and trust. Does he fulfill these Scriptures? Can he wear this garment?

Jesus of Nazareth can wear it. He can wear it because it was tailored for Him. He is the Man. *“What think ye of Christ?”* That is the test to try both your state and your scheme. You can’t be right in the rest unless you think rightly of Him.

Unless I’m sure that He is God, that He is the Messiah, that He is the one who wears this robe which was tailored for Him by the prophets. Are you sure?

If you ask me what of Jesus I think, though still my best thoughts are very poor, I say that He is my meat, my drink, my life, my strength, and my story. He is my Shepherd, my Husband, my friend. He is my Saviour from sin and its sting. He is my hope from beginning to end. He’s my portion, He’s my Lord, and He’s my King.

I have not found “it,” I wasn’t looking for “it;” *“I found **Him** of whom the prophets spake.”* All the way from **Genesis 3:15** He is *“the seed of woman.”* **Exodus**, He is the *“Passover Lamb.”* **Leviticus** *“He is the atonement.”* **Deuteronomy** *“He is the rock and the brazen serpent lifted up.”*

You can go right on through the Word and as a garment that has been tailored by the prophets of old, supernaturally, and inspired by God Almighty and Jesus of Nazareth, whom I preached to you, is the Messiah who wears that garment.

A GARMENT TAILORED FOR ONE MAN

ACTS 10:43 • HENRY T. MAHAN

One day He was walking with two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus. They went into a place and sat down. It says that our Lord took the Old Testament Scriptures, Moses, the prophets, major and minor, the Psalms, and *“He opened the Scriptures that they might understand the Scriptures and taught them the things concerning Himself.”*

There is a garment tailored for one man, the Man and that man is Jesus Christ!