

Isaiah 61:10, “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.”



Daniel 7:13-14, “I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”

I have never witnessed an elaborate coronation service for a king, but I have seen pictures. I’ve included several photos from coronation services held in England.

Scores of people line the streets in excitement as they welcome the king.





A strong military presence displays their loyalty and respect.



A reference is held among all present as the king walks down the aisle to the place where the coronation service will be held.



All watch in awe as the service is held and the crown is placed upon the head of the king.



Afterwards, there is great rejoicing by all.



In the Bible, we are given details concerning several ceremonial acts for the inauguration of kings.

- The king would be anointed with oil by the priest (1 Samuel 10:1, 1 Samuel 16:13, Psalm 89:20)
- The king would be crowned (2 Kings 11:12, 2 Chron. 23:11, Psalm 21:3)
- Sounds of trumpets were heard proclaiming the king (2 Samuel 15:10, 1 Kings 1:34, 2 Kings 9:13, 2 Kings 11:14)
- The king would be enthroned (1 Kings 1:35 and 46, 2 Kings 11:19)

- The king would gird on a sword (Psalm 45:3)
- The king would place his hands upon the books of the law (2 Kings 11:12, 2 Chron. 23:11)
- The king would make a covenant to govern lawfully (2 Samuel 5:3)
- The king would receive homage [an act of submission, loyalty and service; respect paid by an external action such as a kiss on the hand] (1 Samuel 10:1, 1 Chron. 29:24)
- There would be a loud shouting by the people, “God save the king” (1 Samuel 10:24, 2 Samuel 16:16, 2 Kings 11:12)
- There would be a great offering sacrifice (1 Samuel 11:15)
- There would be great feasting (1 Chron. 12:38-39, 1 Chron. 29:22)

The coronation services we view for earthly kings will not compare to the coronation service of Jesus in Heaven!

I enjoy trying to imagine what it might be like when we attend the coronation service of Jesus our beloved King. Not only do I look forward to that blessed event, I also want to look my best on that day.

Before any big event in our lives, we hunt for that perfect outfit to wear; the perfect dress for our wedding day.

According to our verse, God has provided the perfect outfit. We are clothed with the garment of salvation and the robe of righteousness. I imagine this is similar to a beautiful white silk gown flowing in gorgeous layers. Across my shoulders is a robe of white gracefully adorning the gown. We will appear as a royal queen ready for the bridegroom to appear.

2 Chronicles 6:41, “Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.”

Psalm 132:16, “I will also clothe her priest with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.”

Psalm 149:4, “For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.”

This verse also tells us that the bridegroom will be adorned with ornaments. This makes me think of the ornaments that a soldier proudly wears on his uniform denoting his skill and bravery during times of strife and suffering.

As I imagine looking upon the scars Jesus will bear on his body for my sake, for my sin, for my admittance into Heaven, my heart feels heavy. But what will it truly be like to actually see those ornaments worn by our precious bridegroom? The love He has for us will be overwhelming.

The last part of this verse talks about us, the bride. The bride adorns herself with her jewels. Notice that the jewels are provided not by God but by the bride. She adorns herself. These jewels are the heavenly crowns we have earned while working here on earth for Jesus. He gives me my bridal gown and a regal robe, but I must earn and adorn myself with jewels. With this thought in mind, how will you be adorned before the King at His coronation?