

## ~ADORNMENT (275)

[English, decoration, embellishment, ornamentation, beautification, gilding, trimming, frill, enhancement, Hebrew, *hadha-rah'*, adornment from *ha-dhar'*, meaning honor, Greek, *ko-sme'o*, Adorn]

### .. Christian Counsel On Personal Adornment

- That which is put on to decorate, beautify, embellish, add luster to, and make the person himself, or that which he represents, pleasing or attractive. It may be for a good or for a deceptive purpose. The Hebrew word for adornment is *hadha-rah'*, evidently from the root *ha-dhar'*, meaning honor.
- Attribute to Yehowah the glory of his name, carry a gift and come in before him. Bow down to Yehowah in holy **adornment**. (1 Chronicles 16:29)
- Princes themselves have been hanged by just their hand. The faces of even old men have not been honored. (Lamentations 5:12)
- And do not let your **adornment** be that of the external braiding of the hair and of the putting on of gold ornaments or the wearing of outer garments. (1 Peter 3:3)
- **Adornment** translates the Greek word *ko'smos*, elsewhere rendered world. The related verb *ko-sme'o* is translated adorn.
- Not committing theft, but exhibiting good fidelity to the full, so that they may **adorn** the teaching of our Savior, God, in all things. (Titus 2:10)
- The Scriptures do not condemn physical **adornment** if it is properly done, and they highly recommend spiritual **adornment**. Yehowah himself is described as clothed in light and surrounded by beauty.
- Bless Yehowah, O my soul. O Yehowah my God, you have proved very great. With dignity and splendor you have **clothed** yourself. (Psalms 104:1)
- **Enwrapping** yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent cloth. (Psalms 104:2)

- He has richly ornamented his creation with color, variety, and majestic magnificence.
- Mark well how the lilies grow, they neither toil nor spin. But I tell you; Not even Solomon in all his glory was **arrayed** as one of these. (**Luke 12:27**)
- If, now, God thus clothes the vegetation in the field that today exists and tomorrow is cast into an oven, how much rather will he **clothe** you, you with little faith! (**Luke 12:28**)
- I shall laud you because in a fear-inspiring way I am **wonderfully made**. Your works are wonderful, as my soul is very well aware. (**Psalms 139:14**)
- The **glory** of the sun is one sort, and the glory of the moon is another, and the glory of the stars is another, in fact, star differs from star in glory. (**1 Corinthians 15:41**)
- In Bible times the bridegroom and the bride **adorned** themselves for the marriage feast. In preparation the bride decked herself with the finest clothing and the best of the ornamental things that she possessed to present herself before the bridegroom.
- The king's daughter is all **glorious** within the house, her **clothing** is with settings of gold. (**Psalms 45:13**)
- In **woven apparel** she will be brought to the king. The virgins in her train as her companions are being brought in to you. (**Psalms 45:14**)
- Without fail I shall exult in Yehowah. My soul will be joyful in my God. For he has **clothed** me with the garments of salvation, with the sleeveless coat of righteousness he has **enwrapped** me, like the bridegroom who, in a priestly way, puts on a headdress, and like the bride who decks herself with her **ornamental things**. (**Isaiah 61:10**)
- Yehowah speaks to Jerusalem, figuratively describing her as a girl whom he decked with fine, costly clothing and jewelry but who used her beauty and adornment unfaithfully as a prostitute.
- And I went on to **clothe** you with an embroidered garment and to

shoe you with sealskin and to wrap you in fine linen and to cover you with costly material. ([Ezekiel 16:10](#))

- And I went on to deck you with **ornaments** and to put bracelets upon your hands and a necklace about your throat. ([Ezekiel 16:11](#))
- Furthermore, I put a nose ring in your **nostril and earrings** on your ears and a **beautiful crown** on your head. ([Ezekiel 16:12](#))
- And you kept **decking yourself with gold and silver**, and your attire was fine linen and costly material and an embroidered garment. Fine flour and honey and oil were what you ate, and you grew to be very, very pretty, and gradually you became fit for royal position. ([Ezekiel 16:13](#))
- And for you a name began to go forth among the nations because of your prettiness, for it was perfect because of my splendor that I placed upon you, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 16:14](#))
- But you began to trust in your prettiness and become a prostitute on account of your name and to pour out your acts of prostitution on every passerby, his it came to be. ([Ezekiel 16:15](#))
- And you proceeded to take some of your garments and make for yourself high places of varied colors and you would prostitute yourself on them, such things are not coming in, and it should not happen. ([Ezekiel 16:16](#))
- And you would take your **beautiful articles from my gold and from my silver** that I had given to you and you would make for yourself images of a male and prostitute yourself with them. ([Ezekiel 16:17](#))
- And you would take your **embroidered garments** and cover them, and my oil and my incense you would actually put before them. ([Ezekiel 16:18](#))
- And my bread that I had given to you, fine flour and oil and honey that I had had you eat, you also actually put it before them as a restful odor, and it continued to occur, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 16:19](#))

- Yehowah's prophet Hosea condemned Israel for **adorning** herself for the wrong purpose of attracting passionate lovers and engaging in false worship.
- And I will hold an accounting against her for the days of the Baal images to which she kept making sacrificial smoke, when she kept decking herself with her ring and her ornament and kept going after her passionate lovers, and I was the one that she forgot, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Hosea 2:13**)
- Through his prophets Yehowah. He foretold a restoration of Israel when she would have joy and exultation.
- Wake up, wake up, put on your strength, O Zion! Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For no more will there come again into you the uncircumcised and unclean one. (**Isaiah 52:1**)
- Yet shall I rebuild you and you will actually be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel. You will yet **deck yourself** with your tambourines and actually go forth in the dance of those who are laughing. (**Jeremiah 31:4**)
- The temple in Jerusalem and Solomon's governmental buildings were **beautifully adorned**, to the delight of the queen of Sheba. (**1 Kings Chapters 6,7,10**) The temple rebuilt by Herod was a magnificent edifice adorned with fine stones and dedicated things. But Jesus showed that these material **adornments** would be of no avail when God's judgment came upon Jerusalem for her unfaithfulness.
- Later, as certain one's were speaking concerning the temple, how it was **adorned** with fine stones and dedicated things. (**Luke 21:5**)
- He said; As for these things that you are beholding, the days will come in which not a stone upon a stone will be left here and not be thrown down. (**Luke 21:6**)
- The Proverbs show that if a great number of people choose to live under and delight in the rule of a king, this is one measure of his success. It is an **adornment** to him, recommending and adding luster to him as a ruler.
- In the multitude of people there is an **adornment** of a king, but in

the lack of population is the ruin of a high official. (**Proverbs 14:28**)

- **Yehowah is such a ruler by his Messianic Kingdom.**
- **All the ends of the earth will remember and turn back to Yehowah. And all the families of the nations will bow down before you. (**Psalms 22:27**)**
- **For the kingship belongs to Yehowah, and he is dominating the nations. (**Psalms 22:28**)**
- **All the fat one's of the earth shall eat and will bow down, before him all those going down to the dust will bend down, and no one will ever preserve his own soul alive. (**Psalms 22:29**)**
- **A seed itself will serve him, it will be declared concerning Yehowah to the generation. (**Psalms 22:30**)**
- **They will come and tell of his righteousness to the people that is to be born, that he has done this. (**Psalms 22:31**)**
- **So that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground. (**Philippians 2:10**)**
- **And every tongue should openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. (**Philippians 2:11**)**

### **..Christian Counsel On Personal Adornment**

- **Jesus and his apostles counseled constantly against putting trust in physical things and putting on a false show by means of material **adornment**. The apostle Paul said that Christian women should **adorn** themselves in well-arranged dress, with modesty and soundness of mind, not with styles of hair braiding and gold or pearls or very expensive garb.**
- **Likewise I desire the women to **adorn** themselves in well-arranged dress, with modesty and soundness of mind, not with styles of hair braiding and gold or pearls or very expensive garb. (**1 Timothy 2:9**)**

- During the days of the apostles it was a custom among women in that world of Greek culture to go in for elaborate coiffures and other **adornment**. How appropriate, therefore, is Peter's counsel to women in the Christian congregation not to put emphasis on the external braiding of the hair and the putting on of gold ornaments or the wearing of outer garments but to let their **adornment** be, as with the faithful women of old, the secret person of the heart in the incorruptible apparel of the quiet and mild spirit.

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- But let it be the secret person of the heart in the incorruptible apparel of the quiet and mild spirit, which is of great value in the eyes of God. (1 Peter 3:4)

- For so, too, formerly the holy women who were hoping in God used to **adorn** themselves, subjecting themselves to their own husbands. (1 Peter 3:5)

- The apostle Paul points out that the Christian can, by fine works of incorruptibleness in his teaching, seriousness, wholesome speech, and right conduct in all his ways of life, **adorn** the teachings of God, making them attractive to others.

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- In this spiritual way, the Christian congregation, the bride of Christ, eventually appears in her **full beauty** to her husband Jesus Christ. She is similarly described at;

- I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride **adorned** for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)

- As prepared as a bride **adorned** for her husband. Her spiritual beauty is a direct contrast to the **adornment** of Babylon the Great, spoken of as adorned with material things, the wage of her prostitution.

- Saying; Too bad, too bad, the great city, clothed with fine linen

and purple and scarlet, and richly **adorned** with gold ornament  
and precious stone and pearl. ([Revelation 18:16](#))

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**See Also PRECIOUS STONES**

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