

The Tallit: A weapon of our warfare!

The Hebrew Prayer Shawl, or Tallit, is a powerful symbol of our Judeo-Christian faith. It is one of the secret weapons of our warfare in prayer. God gave this along with many other biblical items such as the menorah, mezuzah and shofar to be a part of our spiritual history and divine experience.

We believe the prayer shawl is still meant to play a significant role for God's people today. When you study the New Testament you find this garment was worn by Jesus Himself. When the woman "touched the hem of His garment" as described in Mark 5, the healing power of God was released into her life and her circumstances were miraculously altered. There are separate biblical accounts of miracles being released in association with the Tallit in both Matthew 14:36 and Mark 6:56.

In ancient wisdom, wrapping yourself in a Tallit is how to be ushered into the secret place of the Most High. This is what it means to be under the wings of the Almighty as described in Psalm 91. It's what covers your mind as you pray while releasing the mercies and miracles of God. It is the hidden understanding to what Jesus meant when He said "when you go into your prayer closet." (Matthew 6:6)

The traditional Hebrew blessing when putting on a Tallit is... "Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to wrap ourselves in the tzitzit (tallit)." This blessing is typically written in Hebrew on the 'collar' of the garment.

As you unfold your Tallit, open it wide and wrap yourself so the collar is draped around your neck. It's traditional to kiss the collar as you swing it into position. During prayer you can pull the collar up over your head, covering your forehead. It is also customary to hold the fringes of the tallit in the hands as you pray.

Our ministry believes it is acceptable for women to wear a Tallit. We believe the traditional distinction that excluded women from wearing a Tallit has now been amended through the coming of the Messiah. We would however qualify this with the admonition that what may be acceptable with our ministry not be okay in other churches and synagogues; so please use sensitivity, good judgment and never cause an argument.

Pastor Larry has a variety of Tallit teachings available on our online bookstore including: Healing in His Wings; Tallit: Covered in the Promises of God and The Torah Blessing book. Thank you again for sending for your Tallit. Please feel free to contact our customer service department at 1-800-270-8401 if you have any questions, we are available Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM (CT) and would be honored to assist you.



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