

GIRD UP YOUR LOINS

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EXODUS 12:1

- Man is a tri-part being made up of spirit, soul and body. His spirit gives access to the spiritual realm, his soul gives access to the emotional and intellectual realm, and his body gives access to the physical realm.
- The spirit is born again, but the soul and body need dealt with. The body needs crucified and the soul needs restored.
- When Moses gave instructions for eating the Passover meal, it seemed like a strange request. Who eats that way in haste? When we understand the dynamics behind the request, it won't seem so strange.
- Their cloaks were long and flowing and great for relaxing around the house, but a hindrance when they had to work or fight. Then they would have to remove them or tuck them into their belt, so they wouldn't get tripped up or slowed down.
- Moses was getting them ready to flee bondage and start racing toward the Promised Land. They were to tuck their robes into their belt and move quickly toward the goal.

1 PETER 1:13

- Peter uses the same expression in reference to the mind. Once delivered, we are to do something with the way we think and start racing toward the goal.
- **HEBREWS 4:9-12** – Labor means to use speed to reach the goal. The priority is to deprogram the mind and reprogram it with God's Word. To get rid of the slavery mentality and any kind of thinking that will impede our progress.

EPHESIANS 6:14

- Paul uses the same expression in describing our warfare. Our stand starts with our loins being girt about with truth. Our loins is a reference to the reproductive part of a man.
- After 430 years of slavery God's people were freed and headed toward the Promised Land. God got them out of Egypt, but couldn't get Egypt out of them. They brought their slavery mentality with them and failed to reach their goal. Their loins produced fear, worry and unbelief.
- After 40 years of wandering, God raised up a new breed under Joshua who programmed their loins to produce faith, peace and joy. They succeeded to reach the goal.
- To overcome Satan's fiery darts and lies, we must stand ready with our minds tucked deeply into the truth. Our minds are not to be wasted on Satan's lies.

THE SHORED UP MIND

1. Under Joshua.
 - A. Your enemy is defeated. So is ours.
 - B. You have a covenant with God. So do we.
 - C. Remember who got you out. Jesus got us out.
 - D. It's a new day. For us also.
 - E. You're not alone. Neither are we.
 - F. God has given you the land. He gave us all things.
 - G. Do what He says. So must we!
2. Build a wall, Jesus paid for it!
 - A. Humility – **PHILIPPIANS 2:2-5**
 - B. Prayer – **PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7**
 - C. Meditation – **PHILIPPIANS 4:8; ISAIAH 26:3**
 - D. Be single-minded - **MATTHEW 6:22-23**
 - E. Praise – **2 CORINTHIANS 2:14**