

## Session 5: Provision & Far Away Places

**Proverbs 31:13-15, 19, 22, 24-25**

22 verses in poem - 6 about making fabric

**vs. 13** Frequency of pleasurable work / obtaining raw materials

**Matthew 6:6-13, 25-34**

**vs. 14** “As the way of a ship is in the heart of the sea...”

**John 3:8:** (Yeshua & Nakdimon)

“The wind (ruach) blows where it wants to, and you hear it’s sound, but don’t know where it comes from or where it’s going. That’s how it is with everyone who has been born of the Spirit.”

Bringing **FOOD** from far away places ...”a good way off”...

**vs. 15** While it is still dark = Ascension in sleep  
gets / gives **daily** portions of food  
determines assignments and set times

Keeping “up to date” spiritually speaking.... vs complacency (ie. P31:13 **daily**)

**Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:1-3, 7** Food / bread = solid food, not milk , producing useful “fruit”

**Horse & Rider / Body & Soul:** (Leah Kohn; woman@Torah . org)

“...the rider directs the horse steering away from hazards and towards opportunities for positive growth. The horse, in turn, gets the rider to its destination, by obeying orders. Thus the body gets the soul through life towards specific goals...hopefully the body listens to directives given by the soul, which may be considered a moral Mission Control. While the body is subject to flights of fancy, the soul’s will is enduring and focused on a timeless reality... Thus the body is a vehicle for good deeds, whose merit accrues to the soul...unlike other creatures, however, man has both a responsibility and an ability to cultivate his physical being by infusing it with spirituality. This goal may be accomplished by allowing the soul to direct the body, rather than the opposite...the body and the soul are inextricably bound through action.”

**Matthew 9:16-17; Mark 2:18-22; 33, Luke 5:39** (People don’t want new wine)

## WINE SKINS & FABRICS

**fresh** (not necessarily new) = the wineskin used to contain new wine, new or reconditioned.  
**recondition** = an old wineskin cleaned and then soaked in oil.

A rigid mindset that is inflexible = a complacent, old stretched to capacity wineskin.

**Fabrics:** Linen softens with use /wear. Fresh linen is crisp, taut,  
Linen requires repeated washings and wearings before it becomes pliable and  
“comfortable” soft

### Matthew 13:52

“He said to them, every *Torah*-teacher who has been made into a *talmid* for the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a home who brings out of his storage room both new things and old.”

### II Kings 4:1-7 Elisha & OIL JARS

Even though you can live off of one pouring for an indefinite period of time, don't settle. Keep being filled...don't be limited by the amount of containers, keep accumulating them so you can be generous with provisions...open handed

### Preparation of wool & flax for spinning

(w&f require a lot of water for preparation / clay & wine skins need reconstitution)

**vs. 19** Open hand (generous, not grudgingly)

**distaff:** n 1a. A staff for holding the flax, tow, (flax, hemp, or jute tuft) or wool during spinning  
b. A woman's work or domain

2. The female branch or side of the family

**distaff:** adj. Female

Spindle is used for twisting the yarn during spinning locking the fibers together

### Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

“Two are better than one, in that their cooperative efforts yield this advantage: if one of them falls the other will help his partner up...and a three stranded cord is not easily broken.”

**Spinning demo:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQYdmRw-gHM&list=WL>

## Characteristics

**wool:** outerwear, compared to chesed = lovingkindness; attracts and insulates (hold heat)  
animal product, esteemed in Babylon

**flax/linen:** inner wear, compared to gevurah = strength; detracts, repels (heat)  
plant product esteemed in Israel

**vs. 20** Generosity (open hand) to:  
the poor = depressed in mind or circumstance  
the needy = those in want (esp. feeling); the destitute

**vs. 21** Whole household is clothed

**vs.22** Makes covers for herself ~

**tapestry:** heavy, handwoven *reversible* textile

**colors:** scarlet: blood, passion, love, holiness

purple: royalty, dignity, supremacy

white: purity, righteousness, glory, holiness, Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit)

**vs. 24** Market place: Makes cloth to sell : wrappers, ie. shirts or sheets  
**gives/offers** belts to the merchants (lit. Canaanites)

Isaiah 11:1-5 Justice will be HIS belt

Ephesians 6:14-18; truth

**Isaiah 61:10** Yeshua

**Isaiah 59:17** "armor" for justice' sake

**Job 29:14** I clothed myself with righteousness

**Zechariah 3** removing the guilt of Y'hoshua / priesthood

**Psalms 132:9** cohanim clothed in righteousness

**Revelation 19:6-8** The bride has prepared herself & has been given linen

**Revelation 3:1-6, 14-21**, white clothing...buy it

\***Isaiah 64:6** Our righteousness is as "menstrual rags" =

Israel's confession & plea for forgiveness. Not a prescription, but a diagnosis.

ie. All of us have become something "unclean" Our justice is polluted

We all regularly fail to uphold the acceptable standards of morality (righteousness)

Our failures carry us away like chaff in the wind...vs. 8(9) don't remember our crimes forever...

**John 3:8-12 ~ Water & Spirit ~ Matthew 3:7-12**

***“The uniform Torah requires of women is dignity”*** ~Tziphora Heller~

**dignity:** 1: the quality or state of being worthy, honored, or esteemed  
4: formal reserve of manner or language

**vs.25** Fully clothed in security, strength, magnificence and ornamental splendor,  
she can laugh at the days to come = last days, latter days

***“Get the distaff ready and the Lord will send the flax”***  
~Traditional Proverb ~