



“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

## High Visibility Coats

Back in 1933 in the basement of their home in California, brothers Bob and Joe Switzer came up with an invention that was one of their “brightest ideas” ever. Experimenting with various paints, they invented a brand-new colour called “Fire Orange” which actually glowed in the dark. They then came up with the idea of putting this colour onto clothing and the rest, as they say, was history. Not only did the high visibility coat come into existence, but it was also a great success.

In the Bible, there are lots of stories about coats and the people who wore them. The most obvious person that would spring to mind would be Joseph and his coat of many colours. However, I want to look at three very important coats in another Old Testament character’s life: Samuel.

**The coat of care.** This coat is found in 1 Samuel 2:19. This verse records that Samuel’s mother, Hannah, came to visit him every year. She always brought a coat that she had made especially for him. No doubt as she stitched and sowed everything together, Samuel would have been consistently on her mind. This coat was prepared with great love and care. What a reminder this is of the great love and care that God has for us. We were on His mind whenever He set forth the plan to send us His own Son as a sacrifice so that we might be saved and clothed in the garment of his righteousness.

**The coat of conflict.** We read of this coat in 1 Samuel 15:27. On this occasion, Samuel was questioning Saul. Saul had disobeyed God by not destroying everything that belonged to the Amalekites. Knowing he was wrong and afraid that Samuel, and worse still, God would leave him, Saul grabbed and tore Samuel’s coat. As quick as a flash, Samuel said, just as you have torn my coat, God will tear the kingdom from you. I wonder if you have ever worn the coat of conflict. Whenever you see wrongdoing, do you speak out for the Lord, even if you know that it will cause the wicked to tear at you?

**The coat of character.** In 1 Samuel 28:14 when he was with the witch of Endor, Saul recognised Samuel from the very coat he was wearing. I wonder today, having been clothed in the coat of Christ’s righteousness and then being willing to wear the coat of conflict for the Lord, do you have the characteristics of a godly person? Do you stand out in a world full of sin and darkness? Are you like the high visibility coat, easily spotted for what you are? A child of God. ■



Look up the Bible references to help find the answers to these questions on the sun. Using the letters in the highlighted boxes, make up the second part of this word.

What sort of coats did God make for Adam and Eve? (Genesis 3v21)

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Joseph had a coat of many colours, but who gave him that coat? (Genesis 37:3)

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He had a helmet of brass, but what sort of coat did Goliath have? (1 Samuel 17:5)

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The Saviour’s woven coat was without something? (John 19:23)

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ANSWER: A 

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