

The Significance of the White Sheet

Faith can be found from Genesis to Revelation in your Bible. Faith is activated by your prayers. Prayer is the greatest weapon in the arsenal of the believer. You can go to church every day, but if you don't pray, you won't have victory. Today, we are under a prophetic mandate. God has called us to pray. He gives us His Word to hear His voice, and we speak to God through prayer. By faith, we use a white sheet and anointing oil as we set aside time to pray.

The Jewish prayer shawl is a fringed garment worn by Jewish men on the outside of their regular garments in the synagogue, especially during morning, Sabbath, and other holiday services. The Hebrew name for this prayer shawl is a **tallit**, which simply means "a robe", "a cloak", or "**a sheet.**" The Jewish prayer shawl is usually made of wool or silk and is often long enough to cover most of the body, with special twined and knotted fringes attached to each of its four corners. In modern times it is not uncommon to see Jewish men wear the prayer shawl over the head when they recite the more important prayers.

The color white means purity and affects the mind and body by aiding in mental clarity, promoting feelings of a fresh beginning and renewal assisting in cleansing obstacles and clutter, and encouraging the purification of thoughts and actions.

The anointing oil is used as a point of contact to help a person release his or her faith. This is taught in James 5:14-15. Use of the oil is symbolic of our dependence on God. The important thing is that when you are anointed with oil it is to release your faith to God for your healing. Like anointing oil, a prayer cloth can be used as a point of contact to release faith for healing and a type of altar to meet with God. The thing that counts is not the prayer cloth itself, but rather our faith in Jesus Christ. Anointing oil and prayer cloths simply help some people to release their faith for healing.

One of the major components of releasing your faith is activating it. We are all given a "measure of faith" according to Romans 12:3. A prayer cloth can be a conduit from the measure of faith within you, to the miracle in which you need. In many examples in the Bible, people approach God in different ways, but each used a point of contact to reach in faith to Him. The woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of Christ's garment (Matt 9:20-22). The laying on of hands of Christ and the apostles, the wearing of handkerchiefs and aprons from Paul's body (Acts 19:11-12). In Matt 14:34-36, the people of Gennesaret had a similar thought. All the sick from the area desired to touch only the hem of Jesus' garment. All who did were healed. We use a prayer cloth as your conduit, or point of contact, to focus your belief in God for the particular need. Make this an act of faith, then turn your heart and mind toward God as you pray.