

Man in God's Creation

- Lesson Six -

The Disobedience of Man And The Result (3)

2. Why did Adam and Eve need to be covered by the skins?

3. What did the skins which God used to cover Adam and Eve represent?

4. Why did God have to put Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden?

5. What has happened that has resulted in God and man being able to be together again?

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I. Overview.

In the last lesson we saw that God had to punish Adam and Eve for their disobedience and sin. In this lesson we will see that God still loved man very much and still intended that man fulfill His purpose. But in order for God to be able to fulfill His purpose with man, He had to come in to take care of man in a special way. Genesis 3:21 says *“And the Lord God made garments of skin and clothed them”*. This clothing was a covering to Adam and Eve which cared for their need. This showed that God’s intention was not to destroy man but to recover him.



Even though Adam and Eve were punished, they were also filled with hope because of God’s love.

II. Scriptures for Memory.

Rom 5:8

But God commends His love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 5:1

Therefore having been justified out of faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. Lesson.

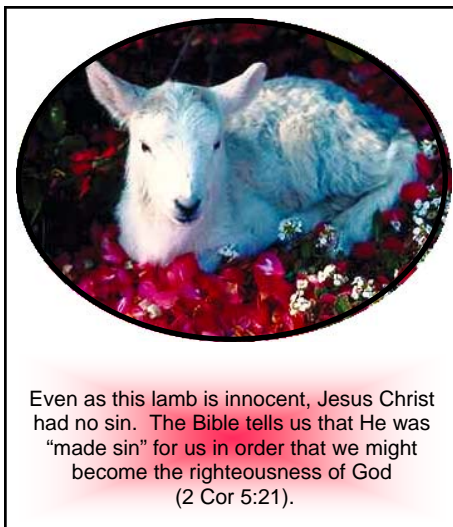
God Doesn't Forsake Man

After God punished man, He did not kill man, nor did He forsake man and leave him to live the rest of his life in nakedness and shame. Instead, He killed two of His creatures (probably lambs) and used their soft, furry wool to cover Adam and Eve and to keep them warm. This was because Adam and Eve would still have many, many years to live on the earth before they died. In God's sight, all of those years were less than one day, because to God, one thousand years are as a day (2 Pet 3:8).

Adam and Eve Were Covered With Skins

Man's body, which was created good and pure, had been damaged by the fall and by sin, and became something shameful. This is why God clothed Adam and Eve. God killed two lambs in order to cover them so that their shame would not be exposed. The lambs were killed instead of Adam and Eve, even though it was Adam and Eve who had sinned. God carried out the sentence of death on the lambs.

This was a picture to us of how God would carry out His righteous judgment on the man Jesus Christ instead of upon us. Because of sin, we deserve God's judgment, but instead He has placed His judgment on Jesus. The Bible tells us the Christ died for our sins (1 Cor 15:3). Christ also became our covering, to



cover our fallen shame. This is why the Bible tells us the if we are in Christ, we are a new creation (2 Cor 5:17). When God looks at us, He sees His beloved Son Jesus Christ as our covering and doesn't see our sins. Today the fallen people are always trying to show as much of their fallen bodies as they can. This is a rebellion against God; like telling Him that we don't need Christ as our covering. We should always keep our bodies well covered, as our clothing today was something originally put on us by God to cover our shame.

Adam and Eve Driven Out of the Garden

Even though God covered Adam and Eve, they were still fallen. For this reason, God could not allow them to remain in the Garden of Eden. In the midst of the Garden of Eden was the tree of life. The tree of life, which represents God Himself, and fallen mankind are not compatible; they cannot remain in the same place. This is why God had to put Adam and Eve out of the Garden. This created a separation between God and man. This separation would have to remain in place for many years, until the Lord Jesus Christ could actually come and die on the cross for man and God could forgive man's sins. After man's sins are forgiven based on the death of Christ on the cross, then God and man can again be brought back together and man can begin to enjoy God as the tree of life.

---Questions for Discussion---

1. Why didn't God simply kill Adam and Eve?

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