

Genesis 3:7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

We are all familiar with the story in Genesis, where Adam and Eve sinned by eating from the tree that God told them not to. Also we are familiar with the part in today's scripture that says that "*they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*" And we read that they did it because, "*that they were naked.*" Because that is what sin does. It makes us ashamed of the things we have done, that we know are against what God tells us to do, or not to do, so we want to hide or cover it up.

Yet, reading this, one thing that the Holy Spirit shown me was that they used fig leaves to make clothing, and when you think about that, its like, well, yea what else would they use since there was no silk or cotton material made at that time to use for clothes.

But also think about this, what they used is what was around them. Think about where they were, which was in the Garden of Eden. And in this garden, are a multitude of plants, with "leaves" in the garden. So if you think about that, if there are plants with leaves everywhere, not only were they covering their nakedness, but also as we read the next verse, they were also trying to hide from God with these leaves.

† **Genesis 3:8** *And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*

We are all familiar with the clothing used in combat, known as camouflage. And when you think about it, what does it look like? Well if you are in the desert, you would wear camouflage that has different hues of brown in it to blend in with the desert sand and dirt so you can't be seen by those you are hiding from. But another form of camouflage is clothing that is green and, get this, has what looks like leaves on it. And the reason it does is to blend in with the surroundings, which is usually a forest or a place with a lot of foliage, greenery, plants and trees. So, Adam and Eve were not just covering their nakedness, but they also were trying to hide from God by blending in with their surroundings using the leaves as camouflage.

Yet how often do we do the same thing? We fall into sin, and in order to try and hide that sin from God and others, we start going to places we shouldn't be going to, hanging with people we shouldn't be hanging with. Saying things we should be saying. Watching and listening to things we shouldn't be watching or listening to too. And we do it because we have sinned, and with that sin, we try and blend in with the world, to kind of hide or mask our sin.

But as we learned in yesterday's devotional, we can't hide from God.

‡ **Psalm 139:7** *Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?*

Even though we are grown up, we still try to be like little kids trying to hide from their parents when they did something wrong. And we try and hide from our Heavenly Father, GOD.

A kid does it because they are afraid of being punished by their parents, forgetting the love their parents have for him or her. And that's why we also try and hide from God. Yes for fear of punishment from God our Father, yet forgetting the love that God has for us, and that He has shown that by sending His Son Jesus Christ to pay the penalty of our sins on the cross.

So we don't have to hide from God when we sin, but rather we should run to God when we sin, asking for His forgiveness, and we seem to forget that He clearly says in His word that. ***"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*** 1 John 1:9

Confession is not hiding but being honest and wanting to repent of that sin. But those who hide don't want to repent, because they camouflage it so that they can repeat it again and again.

‡ **1 John 1:8** *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

‡ **Jeremiah 16:17 (NLT2)** *I am watching them closely, and I see every sin. They cannot hope to hide from me.*

‡ **Proverbs 28:13 (NLT2)** *People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.*