

Genesis 3:21

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The story of Adam and Eve, and the fall. I think we all know it. If not read Genesis chapter 3 or really chapters 1-3 to get more insight to the creation story, and the fall of man.

But after the fall, and after God confronted Adam and Eve about eating from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, is today's devotional verse: *Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*

So why would God need to do this?

A couple reasons, you see, after they both ate from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, they realized that they were naked. They tried to cover their sin (or bodies) their own way as it says that:

† **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.*

Now, I have heard that fig leaves are very prickly, so if you think about it, by trying to cover their bodies, or sin their own way, they both became very uncomfortable.

So that's one reason, but there is another reason and that is showing them that their disobedience or sinning against God, not only caused them shame, but it also affected everyone and everything around them.

We see this if we go back to chapter 2 in Genesis and read what task the Lord gave to Adam.

† **Genesis 2:19** *Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.*

God brought each and every animal to Adam to name them all, including the animal that God would have to kill to clothe both Adam and his wife Eve.

The bible doesn't tell us, but I wonder if Adam and Eve had to watch as God killed this animal and skinned it to make a covering for them?

But even if they didn't, still Adam may had remember the day he gave that animal a name. Now something that was special between himself and God (naming the animals), was now dead because of what Adam had done.

It's a good lesson for us all that we can all read at the very beginning of the bible. Yet we don't see sin like that. We only see it as something I have done, so it only affects me, but not those around me. Yet it really affects everyone around you, just like it affected this innocent animal

that was minding its own business, when all of a sudden God had to kill it, not because it had done anything wrong, but because Adam and Eve did.

Now you can go and scrutinize and think, how does my sins affect others around you and make all kinds of excuses of how or why it doesn't, but the reality is that it does. This story is not there so that we can try and figure out how our sins affects others, that not what it's teaching us. It simply teaches us that it does affect others.

So, something to think about if you are struggling with sin. It will affect your spouse, or someone you are dating, your kids, your family, those you work with, your friends and yes, even strangers minding their own business like that animal was.

But also remember what King David said this to God in regards to sin, which should cause you to want to put a brake on it when you realize this.

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That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.***