

They Knew They Were Naked

Genesis 3:7-10. 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 loin coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

You know the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden. The first couple lived in a perfect state. They were sinless in Paradise. Satan deceived Eve. She gave Adam the forbidden fruit and they both ate. They realized they were naked. Shame made them sew fig leaves. God later clothed them with animal skins.

Adam did many things wrong. But there are a couple of things he did right. We sure could take a lesson from Adam.

1. **Adam knew he was naked.** Society has gotten so smart that it doesn't know that it is naked. The Bible words "modesty" and "shamefacedness" involve more than just wearing nothing. We have limited the word "naked" to mean only your "birthday suit." We have grown accustomed to seeing men working with no shirt on, women wearing very tight shorts that we think nothing of it. Immodesty and showing skin is so much of TV these days. Many would quickly say, "they are not naked." Yet **AFTER** Adam had made the fig leaves he hid from God because "I was naked." Adam's fig leaves would probably pass for a modern swim suit that many folks would have no problem wearing. Why is it that Adam knew he was naked, but we don't?
2. **Adam was afraid to be naked.** He knew it was wrong. When the Lord came near, Adam hid himself. Adam knew the Lord was holy. How is it that some can wear clothing to church services that cause others to blush and feel ashamed? Are we not afraid to be "naked" or "immodest"? Boys in a junior high and high school class should not have to look down at the floor because the girls in the class are wearing short outfits that causes them to be tempted. In Jeremiah's day, the nation no longer blushed (Jer 6:15). Modesty is not confined to just the church building. We are to be a modest people, **EVERYWHERE.**

Moms and Dads, help your teenagers with this. You can show them how to dress in a way that pleases the Lord and still look fashionable. Clothes that are too tight, clothes that show more leg than is covered, showing cleavage are the way the world dresses. We are a holy people. We are separate. We are not conformed to the world. Let us dress and act that way! It does little good to keep saying these things if our actions show otherwise. Is showing your belly really proper for the people of God? Modesty speaks to others even before we open our mouths. Our light shines in many ways. One of them is the way we appear.

Adam knew! How about you?