

**THE VALUE OF SHAME**

Isaiah 5:20-21

## INTRODUCTION

- A. Defined: Shame: A painful emotion caused by a strong sense of guilt or embarrassment.
- B. "Wise in their own eyes" –
- C. Jeremiah 6:35.

## DISCUSSION

- I. WHAT CAUSES THE FEELING OF SHAME?
  - A. Shame is a product of learning right and wrong.
  - B. Romans 6:20-23.
  - C. Genesis 2:16-17.
  - D. Every person has an internal means of making moral choices. God created man for the purpose of love and holy living. Man has limited knowledge capable of love and beneficial moral choices, but with the freedom to chose how he will spend his time on the earth. God --- Revelation ---Man = purpose of providing moral instruction guiding the thought and behavior of man.
  - E. Conscience must be trained. Thoughts precede behavior. One's behavior grows out of thinking. These thoughts are formed and shaped by outside influences. Isaiah 55:9; Jeremiah 10:23.
- II. WITH GREATER KNOWLEDGE COMES GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES.
  - A. Mark 4:24.
  - B. Hebrews 5:12-14.
  - C. 2 Corinthians 7:9-10.
  - D. Proverbs 11:2.
- III. WHY DO SOME FEEL NO SHAME?
  - A. Some walk in ignorance. Ephesians 4:17-19.
  - 5. Some continue through wrongdoing, pride, and not caring. Zephaniah 3:5; 1 Timothy 4:-1-2.
- IV. CONSCIENCE IS OUR ALARM CLOCK.
  - A. When the clock stops, the alarm will not work. 1 Timothy 4:1-2.
  - B. There was a time, not long ago. 1 Timothy 2:9-10.
- V. WHAT IS "NAKEDNESS?"
  - A. Genesis 2:25.
  - B. Genesis 3:7-11.
  - C. Genesis 3:21.
  - D. Exodus 28:41-42; Isaiah 47:2-3.

## CONCLUSION

- A. In times past!
- B. The Value of Shame!

**GE 3:7** – “they (Adam & Eve) sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”

“aprons” – Strong’s #2290 אָפְרוֹן, אָפְרוֹן [chagowr, chagor, chagowrah, chagorah /khag·ore/] noun; “1 girdle, belt. 2 girdle, loin-covering, belt, loin-cloth, armour.” Note: They had on the “aprons” they made. Who told them to make these “aprons”? They didn’t need “aprons” before they listened to the serpent. When they knew what was right and what was wrong they chose to make “aprons”. Was their nakedness wrong before they listened to the serpent? No.

**GE 3:9** – God asked Adam “Where art thou?”

**GE 3:10** – Adam responds, “I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” Adam had on the “apron” that he had made from “fig leaves.” Why did Adam say he was “naked” – “naked, nakedness?” (Strong’s #5903)? Adam described himself as being naked even though he had on the apron that he had made. He wasn’t totally naked. But that’s what he said! He used the Hebrew word to say that he was “naked.” Where did Adam get his information?

**GE 3:11** – God asked Adam, “Who told thee that thou wast naked?” Eve “gave me of the tree, and I did eat.” “Told” – Strong’s #5046 – “(Hiphil) to tell, declare...to tell, announce, report...to declare, make known, expound...to inform of...to publish, declare proclaim...to avow, acknowledge, confess...”

If Eve told Adam where did Eve get the information? The serpent told Eve, Eve told Adam. What did the serpent tell Eve? To eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. She ate. She had knowledge of good and evil. She gave to Adam. They had the knowledge of good and evil. Their eyes were opened. They knew they were naked. They made aprons. Why? God had not approached them at this time. Now, “who told” Adam that he was naked? Eve. Where did Eve get this information? From the serpent! Where did they get the information to make “aprons”? From the serpent! This standard of clothing came from the serpent not from God.

**GE 3:21** – “Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.” Since Adam considered himself to be “naked” – the purpose of LORD God making coats of skins was to “clothed them.” This is not an assumption. Adam with his apron on considered himself to be naked. God “clothed them” (both Adam and Eve) because they were naked. God made clothes for them to wear? Why? Because they were naked even according Adam’s standards!

“...clothed” – Strong’s 3847 - 3847 לָבַשׁ [labash, labesh /law·bash/] verb, hiphil, active, prefixed (imperfect) sequential, singular, masculine, third person; “1 to dress, wear, clothe, put on clothing, be clothed. 1A (Qal). 1A1 to put on clothes, be clothed, wear. 1A2 to put on, be clothed with (fig.). 1B (Pual) to be fully clothed. 1c (Hiphil) to clothe, array with, dress.”

God had “made” everything and rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. Adam and Eve were “naked” before they sinned - they came to knowledge (“knew” – Strong’s #3045 – “(Qal) to know...to know, learn to know...to perceive...to perceive and see, find out and discern....to discriminate, distinguish...to know by experience...to recognize, admit. Acknowledge, confess..to consider...to know, be acquainted with...to know (a personal carnal)...to know how, be skilful in...to have knowledge, be wise...”) that they were “naked” from what the serpent. Adam and Eve made the aprons from the knowledge they got from eating of the tree (the serpent). But when questioned by God Adam stated that he was “naked.” God speaks to them and tells them the penalty for their sin and then God “clothed them.” Why? Because Adam said they were “naked.” They were not totally “naked” but according to Adam’s new knowledge they were “naked”. Where did Adam get his standard for clothing? From the serpent! God made coats of skins for them and then “clothed them.” Why? Because Adam said they were “naked.” The purpose of the “coats of skins” was to “clothed them” that is to cover their “nakedness.”

It should also be noted that since Adam’s standard’s only covered the “loin”, he was still “naked.” When God made “coats of skins”, God’s standard “clothed them.” -Bobby D. Gayton