

12.3.18 - Conflicts Between the Bible and the Textile Position

God created Adam and Eve naked. He declared that all He created was good. All of us come into the world naked. No other creature of God's makes clothing for themselves. Nakedness did not become a concern until after the fall. Why the change?

God asked "Who told thee that thou wast naked" Gen 3:11. At this time there were only a few possibilities. God, but He asked the question, so not a likely possibility. Adam and Eve, but they spent at least days together and talking with God and did not know it until this time. Satan, after Adam and Eve were willing to follow one suggestion from him he certainly tried some more. I believe Satan pointed out their nakedness and suggested a solution so that God would be sure to notice that Adam and Eve had sinned.

Textile people make it seem as though Adam and Eve had a righteous glow about them as their covering until they sinned. This is close to adding to the scriptures and is not needed if you accept that non-erotic nudity is not a sin.

Textile people say that the coats (whatever they were...Strong's Concordance is not much help here) are God's replacement for the righteous glow. There are a number of problems with this position...Adam and Eve used vegetable material to make their clothing, God used fur. Today's clothing is vegetable material not fur. How can we use this for a pattern and reverse the materials back to Adam and Eve's improper substitutionary material? Another illustration of this mistake is the account of Cain and Able...Cain's sacrifice was vegetable and Able's was animal and God accepted Able's, but not Cain's.

God gave no instructions for the use of the coats that was included in scriptures. If nakedness were such a sin, would you not expect at least some commandments/instruction from God about clothing

at this point? The only instruction I can recall in scripture about wearing clothing is for the priests in Leviticus, but that instruction also including getting naked for the ceremonial cleansing as well.

In addition, consider for a moment that God does provide some cover on the body with hair just as He does the animals and yet most are okay with shaving or cutting that covering off.

There was no reason for Adam and Eve to be clothed during this time in history. The climate was tropical all year round so clothing was not needed to keep warm. If they were active at all the fur coats would have made them sweat. That would create both a laundry and bathing problem which could only be bathing. Even the strictest textile groups allow husbands and wives to see each other naked. Adam and Eve were married by God and there were no neighbors. If nakedness was the issue and God clothed them because they shouldn't be naked anymore, then the only logical conclusion would be that husbands and wives cannot see each other naked as they were the only two humans on the planet. Due to this fact, we know it cannot be that God was forbidding nakedness so there has to be another explanation. We tend to believe that it was about God providing a symbolic covering for their sin and then making them wear the reminder of the price for sin (without the shedding of blood there is no remission). The real cover for all our sin came when Jesus shed His own blood on the cross. For those who accept that sacrifice for themselves we are now clothed in God's righteousness (according to scripture) and now need no covering ever again as His righteousness is eternal.

The fall did not involve the body except for what we were allowed to eat (God took away the tree of life). The fall involved questioning God's authority and His goodness. How does nakedness become the central issue from the account when sin and the price for it and the price paid is the main subject?