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## A Place of Innocence

When I think about innocence I have to think about a baby, which knows nothing about good or evil, nothing about racism, discrimination nothing about hate, nothing about slow self-esteem.

That baby only knows about the love and attention of the parents. Nothing about where the food is coming from, nothing about a roof over their head, nothing about jealous, nothing about bad relationships. Wow how wonderful that is.

A baby can run around Naked and Not Ashamed in from of anyone. They have no shamed, no embarrassed, no humiliation. They are in a place of pure innocents. There whole world is around their parents.

Watching my young grandchild playing by himself without a care in the world, laughing at nothing, smiling just because he can.

Running through life Naked and Not Ashamed

To be naked is to be undressed and bare, and exposed, just being who you are.

Not putting on an act performing for the world, acting and being something people, the world and situation has created you to be.

To be unclothed, to be open, to not fear exposing who you really are. Being you, being free.

Can you think back in your life and remember when you didn't have a care in the world, looking hopefully to the next day without a care in the world. Just enjoying every day that came.

For some of us we are going to have to look farther back in our lives to remember those times.

For others we may not even remember those times.

Whichever it may be. This is how God created us to be **Naked and Not Ashamed** before him.

**How wonderful it would be, to experience those moments again.** To run around **Naked and Not Ashamed** in front of anyone. To have no shame, no embarrassment, no humiliation. To just be you free of the shame, free of guilt, Free of bad decisions, and free of the mistakes of the past.

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## I. What Changed Their Innocence? Is also what Changes ours!

**Sin!! Is what changed things**

They were naked before God undressed and bare, and exposed, just being who they were created to be.

**The Glory and the presence of God is what covered and clothed them.** They needed nothing else but their father, and their creator was enough. He was their covering

### 1 Sin Caused them to focus on their condition. Not complying to God's word

**Non-Compliance is also a sin not doing what you know is right.**

- Have a bible and do not read it
- Join a church and then don't show up
- Pray for an income and then don't give
- Get a word and do not follow it

**Sin brought in** shame, Sin brought in Guilt, and Sin brought in embarrassment, it changed everything for them. Sin brought in separation

### 2 Then the eyes of both of them were opened

What was their eyes open too?

Once their eyes were open? What is this saying to me? Their eyes had to be open because they were able to see the tree and the fruit.

What I learn from this is that we must have two sets of eyes (1) Physical sight (2) spiritual sight at the beginning the only thing that their spiritual eyes were able to see was God. Because their position and condition had not been altered.

## II. What altered their position and condition?

**Non-Compliance / Disobedience / Sin**

**The enemy will always attempt to entice you, lure you, and persuade you. With what feels good, with what looks good, with compromise, with selfish thoughts.**

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**Genesis 3:6 (NKJV)** So when the woman **SAW** that the tree *was* **good for food**, that it *was* **pleasant** to the **EYES**, and a tree **desirable** to make *one* **wise**, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

What took away their nakedness was

- The lust of the flesh (desires of the Flesh what feels you feel good)
- The lust of the eyes (What looks good, removes your sight from God and His way)
- The pride of life (Seeking working promotion, and elevation self-glorification)

**Things that took their focus off God and can take our off God**

**1 John 2:16** For all that *is* in the world--the **lust** of the **flesh**, the **lust** of the **eyes**, and the **pride** of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

The things of the world are classed according to the three ruling inclinations of a depraved nature.

**1. The lust of the flesh**, of the body: wrong desires of the heart, the appetite of indulging all things that excite and inflame sensual pleasures.

**2. The lust of the eyes:** the eyes are delighted with riches and rich possessions; this is the lust of covetousness.

**3. The pride of life:** a vain person craves the splendor and pomp of a vain-glorious life; this includes thirst after honor and applause, self-accomplishments.

- 1 The fig leaves represented what they became covered with in the spiritual.
  - The lust of the flesh
  - The lust of the eyes
  - The pride of life

I / We need to return to a place to stand before God **“Naked and Not Ashamed”**

Allowing our past mistakes, our past failures, our past hurts to be removed things that are covering us and coming between us and God. Things that are keeping us from being Naked and Not Ashamed before God.

- Taking off the leaf of rape and sexual abuse
- Taking off the leaf of physical and mental abuse
- Taking off the leaf of low self esteem
- Taking off the leaf of greed
- Taking off the leaf of manipulation
- Taking off the leaf of self-importance

**What leaves are you wearing today?** What leaves have life covered you with? What leaves have sin covered you with?

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III. Time to Return to your created place to be Naked and Not Ashamed before God.

Romans 10:11 For the Scripture says, *"Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."*

## 1 THERE IS A SAFE PLACE WITH GOD

Just as it was in the beginning with Adam and Eve there remains a safe place for me and a safe place for you.

**Psalm 91:1** He who **dwells in the secret place** of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

The Secret Place is to be **Naked and Not Ashamed** before God. The place of Innocence.

Being Covered by God meaning that I am so close to Him that His shadow covers me.

It means I am not Ashamed to stand before God Unclothed, Bare, and Naked.

**Lord God we have allowed over things to cover us. But today We stand before you Naked and Not Ashamed Father we lay the leaves of life on the ground today. Cover us Lord God Cover me.**

No longer will we hide from you, No longer will we allow sin to separate us from you.

**When a baby is born, they are so innocent they do not even know they are Naked.** They can walk around Naked and Not Ashamed. It is the parent's responsibility to clothed them, to protect them, to provide for them, to teach them.

That is the position of that baby to stand before their parents Naked and Not Ashamed

We can return to that position today and stand before God Naked and Not Ashamed?

## **Adam & Eve lost that Position**

1. When they did it, it caused them to hide and conceal themselves from God

"I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because **I was naked**; and I hid myself."

The first question God asked was **“Where are You”** because now they discovered themselves in a new place, a place of fear and shame.

No longer could they stand before God Naked and Not Ashamed. Sin made things different

They were no longer in that secret place they where no longer under God's covering, they had relocated themselves.

Have you been relocated, Have you covered yourself with shame and guilt? **“Where are you?”**

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## IV. HOW DO I FIND MY WAY BACK?

**Genesis 3:21** The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Allow God to cover you, don't be afraid come to him, and allow Him to strip you of the leaves of life. Those animals give their lives to cover Adam and his wife Eve. Jesus give His life to cover you! Let Him strip away those leaves of life. All you have to do is come to Him and surrender.

**David Surrendered, David did not care who was watching, he did not care because he wanted to be free of the leaves of life.**

**2 Samuel 6:12-16** Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of **Obed-Edom** and all that *belongs* to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness. <sup>13</sup> And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. <sup>14</sup> Then David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* wearing a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup> So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet. <sup>16</sup> Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

### **David danced before the Lord “Naked and Not Ashamed”**

There will always be people who will misunderstand that Freedom

- 2 **Samuel 6:20-22** Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, **uncovering himself** today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!" <sup>21</sup> So David said to Michal, "***It was before the LORD, who chose me*** instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play *music* before the LORD. <sup>22</sup> **And I will be even more undignified than this**, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor."

Conclusion:

Asked yourself

1. What has moved you from the presence of the Father?
2. What are you battling with today?
3. Would you like to experience the presence of God, as you did before?

**1 John 1:9 (NKJV)** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**James 4:8 (NLT2)** Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

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## The Lost Son

**Luke 15:11-24 (NLT2)** To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. <sup>13</sup> “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. <sup>14</sup> About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. <sup>15</sup> He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will go home to my father and say, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, <sup>19</sup> and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.’” <sup>20</sup> “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. <sup>23</sup> And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.