



ASHAMED!

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GENESIS 2:25 NKJV – (25) And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

GENESIS 3:7 NKJV – (7) And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 2:25 tells us pointedly that before their sin, Adam and Eve were both naked and unashamed. They were truly innocent, so their nudity was sinless and free of shame. Now, instantly, they are aware and ashamed. Though they'd never worn clothes before, the knowledge of good and evil creates a fearful urge to cover themselves, to hide from each other, to mistrust the other person's motives and thoughts, and to protect themselves.

When they chose to sin against God, all of God's creation was made subject to sin's effects, including disease, decay, death, and separation from God for eternity. Every human being afterward was born with a sin nature-the natural inclination to sin. Thankfully, God is sovereign, and **He had a plan even then to redeem His world through His Son, Jesus Christ**, and give mankind a choice for salvation and eternal life with Him.

This emotion (shame) is being exemplified for the first time in the scriptures. Today, many chose to sin against God and many have no regrets or shame in their hearts. God **CANNOT TOLERATE SIN!** He made a plan to redeem this world through His Son, Jesus Christ. But when we live like it is no big deal, when we live by saying I'm not there yet, when we take His grace for granted and place His name in a shoe box as if His power is limited or even doesn't exist, we become a candidate of the one with a reprobated heart (**ROMANS 1:20-32**).

Let us humble ourselves before a perfect God who visions all we do. Let us repent, unless you are not "**Ashamed!**"

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 13:37-38

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Without truth I feel ashamed to be alive.