

12-1-2019 Weekly Messages

Meditation of the week: Psalms 100:1-5

Text: Genesis 3: 1-13

Word title: **Are you still clothed with fig leaves?**

The first man, Adam and Eve, ate fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which God forbade, and both eyes opened. The first thing they saw as soon their eyes opened as the serpent said unto them was that they knew they are naked, and they weaved fig leaves to make their skirts. :

" For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

(Genesis 3: 5).

Finally, when they ate the fruit, their eyes was opened as the serpent said, and became to know good and evil belonged only to God, who also knew good and evil like God. But they couldn't imagine how miserable their descendants would be because of their opened eyes.

When they ate the fruit of good and evil, they opened their eyes, and found that they are naked;

" And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:" (Genesis 3:22).

They opened their eyes to know good and evil, but they were driven out of the garden of Eden and lost their sovereignty over all things in the garden. Not only that, but they had to change their soil under curse so that they had to sweating in pain to eat together with more pain laboring to give birth to children for woman.

After they became aware of good and evil, Cain was born to know that he was wicked and Abe, his brother was good, and he finally hated his brother to kill him. Since then, human history has been continued in wars and slaughters because of the knowledge of good and evil.

Adam and Eve woven skirts of fig leaves to cover their shame, but God made them leather garments for them. Those who are still born into the world from then until now have been carnal eyes opened and weave skirts made of spiritual fig leaves to cover their shame. But the fig leaves could cover their shame momentarily, but ended up revealing their nakedness at all.

Whosoever boring are able to see their shame with opened eyes, and continue to cover their shame with things like fig leaves There are so many things with the brand of fig leaves such as high brands of clothing, knowledge of education, philosophies as well as many kinds of religion. But all of these look like "hypocrisy" in God's eyes. Job, who was the most righteous, good, and honest at the time, had no choice but to confess his nakedness when he lost the wealth surrounding him, his children, and even his own body totally destroyed with sickness:

" And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: " (Job 1:21).

That's right! Even today, most people are living avoiding God's eyes by covering their shame and hiding in the woods weaving their skirts with the fig leaves they have made. But God is looking for them just as He found Adam hiding in the Garden of Eden. In addition He wants to clothes them with leather garment to them who answer God's voice to show themselves before God.

To all who confess that they are naked and confess that they are shameful sinners before God, God cleanses them with the blood of His Only Begotten Son Jesus and clothes them with the garments of the Lamb of Jesus Christ. Apostle Paul testified to Christians who were clothed in Christ and became children of God:

" For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Gal. 3:27).

Therefore, Christians who are clothed with Christ by the Spirit of God are still searching for people hiding from God's eyes because of shame and cry out unto them, **"Where are you?"** as God asked unto Adam. We must also be clothed with the lamb of Jesus Christ. Until Eden is restored, Apostle Paul commanded pastor Timothy to continue this ministry:

" I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; ." (2 Tim. 4:1-2)

The prophet Isaiah testified that when he prophesied of the restoration of Israel, God would give them a garment of praise:

" To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; ." Isaiah 61: 3)

Jesus personally saw Adam and Eve weaving skirts with fig leaves in the Garden of Eden. Jesus cursed a fig tree; we are able to know how much he hated the hypocrites at that time, because they were not willing to be clothed

with the leather garment of grace given by him rather persecuting him.

" And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away."(Matthew 21:19).

When the resurrected Jesus wrote to the angel of the Laodicean church, he rebuked them for not knowing they were naked. He reproved the fallen churches because they were naked spiritually, but they forsake their spiritual garments rather weaving the skirts as religious and carnal as Adam and Eve:

" I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Rev. 3: 15-22)

Amen! Hallelujah!