

I'M COVERED

Genesis 3:9-10 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, **Where art thou?** 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and **I was afraid**, because **I was naked**; and **I hid myself**.

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife **did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them**.

COVER to place something over or upon, as for **protection, concealment**, or warmth

NAKED **without** covering

EXPOSE to **lay open** to **danger, attack**, or **harm**

FALL to become **less** or **lower**; become of a **lower level, degree, amount, quality, value, number**, etc.; **decline**:

THE GREATEST **ENEMY**
YOU WILL EVER FACE
IN THE 'RING' OF LIFE
IS **YOURSELF**

LIVING IN A COVER-CRAZY WORLD

book covers

car covers

pillow covers

cellphone covers

magazine covers

cover letters

cover charges

'cover-ups'

undercover

insurance (coverage)

guarantees

warrantees

lids

umbrellas

hats

boots

gloves

clothes

3 BASIC PURPOSES OF COVERING

- **PROTECTION** (from loss and injury)
- **CONCEALMENT** (from exposure and shame)
- **WARMTH/CONNECTION** (from loneliness and separation)

CONFESSIONS OF "GOOD MEN"

DAVID **Psalms 51:4** **Against thee, thee only, have I sinned**, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

ISAIAH **Isaiah 6:5** Then said I, **Woe is me! for I am undone**; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

PAUL **Romans 7:18-19** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. **For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.**

EFFECTS OF SIN

- **SIN** alters **LANGUAGE** - before **SIN**, 'afraid' was not in **ADAM'S** vocabulary
- **SIN** alters **BEHAVIOR** - before **SIN**, **ADAM LOOKED for GOD**, now **GOD** is **LOOKING FOR ADAM**
- **SIN** brings the need to **COVER** - before **SIN**, no **CONFLICT**, no need to **FIGHT**, no need to **PROTECT**, no need to **COVER**

GOD'S WORD TO THE 'GOOD MAN' YOU ARE COVERED

Genesis 3:21 - Unto Adam also and to his wife
did the **LORD God** make coats of skins, and clothed them.

JUST REMEMBER THESE THREE THINGS.....

1. I'M ON GOD'S MIND

Psalms 33:18-20 Behold, the **eye of the LORD** is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Psalms 103:14 For he knoweth our frame; **he remembereth** that we are dust.

Proverbs 24:16 For a **just man falleth** seven times, and **riseth up again**:

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there **is not** a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and **sinneth not**.

2. I'M IN GOD'S HANDS

Psalms 37:24 **Though he fall**, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the **LORD upholdeth him with his hand**.

Proverbs 12:2 A good man **obtaineth favour of the LORD**:

Proverbs 21:1 The **king's heart is in the hand of the LORD**, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

John 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and **no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand**.

3. GOD ORDERS MY STEPS

Job 31:4 Doth not he see my ways, **and count all my steps**?

Psalms 18:36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, **that my feet did not slip**.

Psalms 37:23-24 The **steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD**: and he delighteth in his way

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: **but the LORD directeth his steps**.

ADDITIONAL PASSAGES

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but **love covereth all sins**.

Proverbs 12:16 A fool's wrath is presently known: but a **prudent man covereth shame**.

Proverbs 17:9 He that **covereth a transgression seeketh love**; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but **whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy**.