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THE ROYAL ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
GENESIS 3:6-10, 20-24

Evolution says man went from bottom to top. He just needs education and cultivation. The Bible says man went from top to bottom. He just needs salvation. Garments in the Bible are a picture or type of salvation (see Isaiah 61:10). There are three types of garments mentioned in chapters two and three of Genesis.

- I. THE GARMENT OF INNOCENCY (Chapter 2:25) - means clothed with Glory.
 - A. Moses was with the Lord for forty days and nights on Mount Sinai. When he came down, this skin of his face shone (see Exodus 34:28-30). Fellowship with God brings likeness. God is light.
 - B. Jesus – on the Mount of Transfiguration His countenance and clothing shone like the sun (see Matthew 17:1-2). The inside of Jesus came through to the outside. It's the same with us when we have been in His presence. God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
 - C. Adam and Eve in the beginning were sinless. They walked with God and reflected the glory of God. When they sinned, they lost the glory of God.
- II. THE GARMENT OF INADEQUACY (v. 7) – means clothed with guilt.
 - A. Adam and Eve were aware of their sinfulness. Their eyes were opened, and they knew good and evil for the first time. They were tainted and stained by sin.
 - B. They were aware of their nakedness. The glory had departed. The glory of God was replaced by sin. They were naked before God with their sin. They were exposed to God like a lost person is today. They sewed fig leaves and made aprons for themselves. It was a garment of their own making which eventually would wither and die. It did not satisfy God.
 - C. They were aware of their fearfulness (v.10). For the first time man was pictured as being afraid. Before sin entered the picture, they were in fellowship and communion with God. After sin entered the picture, they were ashamed, afraid, and guilty.
- III. THE GARMENT OF IMPUTATION (v.21) – means clothed in grace. God clothes us with the righteousness of Christ.

- A. The divine provision was the Lord God Himself. God took the initiative. John 3:16 states, “For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son.”
- B. The divine price – “without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.” Genesis 3:21 states, “And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them.” This required the blood of a lamb, and was a type or symbol of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Jesus gave us a garment of righteousness, and He took on the garment of sin on the cross.

Some fig leaf garments today are good works, morality, good neighbor, and good provider. These are good but not sufficient to cover our sin in God’s presence. Religion is another fig leaf garment. Being involved in church and just a member is not sufficient. There must be a salvation experience (born again), because without Christ’s shed blood applied to our heart and life, we are just a lost church member.