

ORIGINS: *The Fall - Shame*

Genesis 3:6-13

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Sin and shame always send us into _____.

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. (vv. 6-7)

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" (vv. 8-9)

And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." (v. 10)

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" (v. 11)

The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (vv. 12-13)

Shame is a sad consequence of violating God's commands.

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- Sin always creates _____ and _____.

- **Shame is the antithesis of _____.**
- **Sin and the resulting shame ruin _____.**

Shame is now a part of humanity.

- **Some shame is _____.**
And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:8)
- **Some shame is _____.**
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16)
- **Some shame is _____.**
For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret... (2 Corinthians 7:10)
- **Some shame is _____.**
...whereas worldly grief produces death. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

God is the hero of this story.

By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:17-19)

- **God's _____ response to our sin.**

Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation... (Jeremiah 32:37)

- **God's _____ response to our sin.**

I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. (Jeremiah 32:37-39)

- **God's _____ and _____ toward us do not change when we fail.**

I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul. (Jeremiah 32:40-41)

The solution to shame is to find the right _____.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God."

(Revelation 12:10)

- **In the Bible, nakedness suggests _____ shame.**

Your nakedness shall be uncovered, and your disgrace shall be seen. I will take vengeance, and I will spare no one. (Isaiah 47:3)

- **Our attempts to cover our failures are flimsy and _____.**

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.
(Proverbs 28:13)

- **There is only one cover for our shame that will**

_____.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:18-19)

- _____ **shame is not God's plan for your life.**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)

**NEXT WEEK IN ORIGINS: The Fall – Cursed and Cast Out
(Genesis 3:14-24)**

Legend:

Sin and shame always send us into hiding.
Sin always creates fear and shame.
Sin is the antithesis of abundant life.
Sin and the resulting shame ruin relationships.
Some shame is appropriate.
Some shame is inappropriate.
Some shame is constructive.
Some shame is destructive.
God's just response to our sin.
God's loving response to our sin.
God's love and intention toward us do not change when we fail.
The solution to shame is to find the right cover.
In the bible, nakedness suggests appropriate shame.
Our attempts to cover our failures are flimsy and destructive.
There is only one cover for our shame that will endure.
Lasting shame is not God's plan for your life.

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