

BLESSED

**ARE THOSE WHO
WASH THEIR
ROBES.**

SO THAT THEY
MAY HAVE THE RIGHT
TO THE TREE OF LIFE.

A TOPICAL BIBLE STUDY
ON CLOTHES!

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THE ORIGIN OF (LOTHES

HE HAS (LOTHED ME WITH THE GARMENTS OF SALVATION;

HE HAS (OVERED ME WITH THE ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- ISAIAH 61:10

Clothes may seem like a frivolous focus for a Bible class, but they are right there at the beginning of the Bible as one of the first and most visceral symbols of redemption (Genesis 3:7) and are one of the last symbols of our righteousness through Jesus (Revelation 22:14).

READ: GENESIS 3

As you read The Fall, try to relate to Adam and Eve. Imagine the unfettered peace they once had before God and each other, the shock to their eyes after eating the fruit, the techniques they used to sew leaves, and the musings they must have shared as they worked.

Contemplate

Why did we not need clothes in our original state? What did Adam and Eve see with their newly opened eyes?

Who made the first clothes? What did God say before giving them new ones?

"And the Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them." ... Where did the skins come from? What did Adam and Eve witness as He made them new clothes?

FIG FACTS!

There is archaeological evidence for the common fig (*Ficus carica*) growing in the Jordan Valley as early as 9400 B.C.

Indigenous peoples braid and weave vines to make leaf clothing. Maybe the first fig leaf loincloth used a similar technique.



Figs appear all throughout Scripture. Jotham delivered a fig tree parable against Abimelech (Judges 9). One of Jeremiah's visions was of two baskets of figs (Jeremiah 24). It was a fig tree that Jesus cursed (Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-26), and He told two fig tree parables (Luke 13:6-9; 21:29-33).

ROMANS 6:23 -

For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 PETER 2:24-25 -

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

ISAIAH 61:10-11 -

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;

my soul shall exult in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: When you see your clothes, remember we're clothed in righteousness, paid for by a blood price. Adam and Eve had a blood sacrifice physically draped around them.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK: Hide nothing before God in contrite prayer. Rejoice that He did not hold Adam and Eve in despair but immediately gave hope through Jesus.