

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Wednesday, June 29, 2022**

**Bible Study Series: In the Beginning – Genesis 1-11**

**Lesson 13 – The Coverings – Gen. 3:20-24**

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- I. Eve – vs. 20
  - A. God Named the Woman Adam – Gen. 5:1-2
    - 1. Mankind
    - 2. God gave them the man's name
  - B. Adam Named the Woman Eve
    - 1. Life-giver
    - 2. Cursed and dying
    - 3. Promised Offspring (who would crush the serpent)
- II. Expiation – vs. 21
  - A. They Were Naked and Ashamed – Gen. 3:7, 10
    - 1. Sin leads to guilt and shame
    - 2. Shame leads to a desire to hide, to be covered
    - 3. Sin and shame lead us to provide covering for ourselves – Prov. 28:13
      - a. Fig leaves
      - b. Good works
      - c. False religion
  - B. Covering Their Shame – Psa. 32:1; 85:2; Rom. 4:1-8
    - 1. They needed atonement – Heb. 9:22
    - 2. They needed a Savior – Heb. 9:12-14
    - 3. The skins signified death
      - a. A reminder of God's love – 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 4:10
      - b. A reminder of their sin (the need for clothing) – Heb. 10:1-4
- III. Eviction – vs. 22-24
  - A. The Tree of Life
    - 1. A literal tree - Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14
    - 2. Righteousness – Prov. 11:30
    - 3. Wisdom – Prov. 3:13-18
  - B. Driven Out
    - 1. Sin keeps us from life
    - 2. Sin keeps us from God
    - 3. A sign of grace: death frees us from sin! – Rom. 6:7
  - C. Cherubim Sent to Guard the Garden/Tree
    - 1. Cherubim guard God's presence and glory – Isa. 6:2-3; Rev. 4:6-10
    - 2. Cherubim signify God's presence and MERCY – Exodus 25:10-22; Numbers 7:89; 2 Sam. 6:2; 2 Kings 19:15; Psa. 80:1; 99:1

## Cross References

Genesis 5:1-2

5 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.

Genesis 3:7

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Genesis 3:10

10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Proverbs 28:13

13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

Psalms 32:1

32 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

Psalms 85:2

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin.

Romans 4:1-8

4 What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. 5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

Hebrews 9:22

22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

Hebrews 9:12-14

12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

1 Peter 4:8

8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

1 John 4:10

10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Hebrews 10:1-4

10 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

Revelation 2:7

7 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’

Revelation 22:2

2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:14

14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Proverbs 11:30

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.

Proverbs 3:13-18

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; 14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. 16 Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.

Romans 6:7

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Isaiah 6:2-3

2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”

Revelation 4:6-10

6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,

Who was and is and is to come!” 9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

Exodus 25:10-22

10 “And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height. 11 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around. 12 You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners; two rings shall be on one side, and two rings on the other side. 13 And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. 15 The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. 16 And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you. 17 “You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width. 18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. 20 And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. 21 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. 22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

Numbers 7:89

89 Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him.

2 Samuel 6:2

2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the Lord of Hosts, who dwells between the cherubim.

2 Kings 19:15

15 Then Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said: “O Lord God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

Psalms 80:1

80 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

Psalms 99:1

99 The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; let the earth be moved!