**R806 – Rumination for July 12, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

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The **T**ext: *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;*

*and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.* Gen. 3:7

The **T**hots:

Intro. All of us came into the earth naked physically. Job 1:21

 Job said: *Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither:*

 *the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.*

 Solomon said: *As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came,*

 *and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.* Eccle. 5:15

 We are also naked spiritually with nothing good to cover ourselves before God. Psa. 51:5

David said: *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

Therefore, to **C**over the Sinner’s **N**akedness, he/she **N**eeds to **C**over himself/herself.

1. **The Garment of Fig Leaves.** **Gen. 3:7**

 *And they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.* 3:7b

1. Adam and Eve were **C**reated in **I**nnocence, **O**blivious to their **N**akedness. 2:25

*And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

1. When they **C**ommitted **I**niquity, their eyes were **O**pened and they knew they were **N**aked.

The **S**elf-**S**hame: *I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.* Gen. 3:10

1. Then they tried to **C**over themselves, but it was **I**nadequate – they **N**eeded a Garment.See #C below

*And they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*  3:7b

1. **The Garment of Filthy Rags.** **Isa. 64:6**

At best, the Covering of their own work of **F**ig Leaves was unacceptable to God! See #3 below

*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as* ***F****ilthy rags;*

*we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

1. Their sin made them **I**llegal (*unclean*) to stay in God’s **S**ight – *unclean* is a legal term.Cf. Lev. 5:2
2. Their works (*righteousnesses*) are **I**nefficient to **S**anctify them – *filthy rags.* Cf. Eph. 2:9
3. Their lives, as their **I**niquities, will *fade away:* they have no **S**tanding before God. Isa. 64:6c, d
* Their covering of **F**ig **L**eaves would **F**ade as a **L**eaf **L**eaving them naked in God’s sight!

1. **The Garments of Skin Figuring Rightly a Life taken.** **Gen. 3:21**

*Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make* ***C****oats of skins, and* ***C****lothed them.*

1. God’s own **P**rovision of **G**arments for the disobedient – *did the Lord God make…* See above.
2. The **P**ropitiation took for **G**ranted that an animal was **S**lain and blood **S**hed – *coats of skins.*
3. The **P**oint demonstrated by **G**od for the need of **A**nimal **S**ubstitution to be **A**ccepted – *clothed them.*
4. **The Garments of Salvation and Righteousness.** **Isa. 61:10**
5. The **R**edeemed of Israel will **R**ejoice in the Lord. 61:10a

*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God;*

1. They will be **R**obed in Salvation and **R**ighteousness 61:10b

*for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the* ***R****obe of* ***R****ighteousness*

1. They will be **R**eadied for the **R**itual of Marriage –61:10c
2. ***as*** *a* ***B****ridegroom decketh himself with ornaments,*
3. *and* ***as*** *a* ***B****ride adorneth herself with her jewels.*

To attend the Marriage of the Lamb? See #E below.

1. **The Garment of Fine Linen, the Righteousness of Saints. Rev. 19:7-8**

*Let us be glad and rejoice,* *and give honour to Him:*

*for the marriage of the Lamb is come,* *and His wife hath made herself ready.*

*And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white:*

*for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

1. The **C**all to the **C**hurch to **R**ejoice - *Let us be glad and rejoice*
2. The **C**all to the **C**ongregation to **R**evere - *and give honour to Him*
3. The **C**ause and the **C**limactic **R**eason - *for the marriage of the Lamb is come*
4. The **C**elebration: the Bride is **R**eady - *and his wife hath made herself ready*
5. Her **C**lean and white **R**obe - *to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white:*
6. She is **C**lothed in **R**ighteousness - *for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

Today the **B**ride (the **C**hurch) is waiting for the **C**oming of the **B**ridegroom.

He had said:  *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself;*

 *that where I am, there ye may be also.* Jn. 14:3

While waiting, she is to **R**emember Him in the **R**emembrance Feast until He **R**eturns. Thus.

*As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.* I Cor. 11:26

*Are you washed in the blood, In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?*

*Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?*

 *Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?* Elisha A. Hoffman,

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 806**

1. NAKED and yet not Ashamed; NAKED and yet Afraid and Ashamed.

Genesis 2:25 - *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

Genesis 3:7 - *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;*

 *and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

Before the shameful Fall into sin because of their disobedience to God’s command:

Gen. 2:16-17 - *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

…both Adam and Eve were naked, and they knew they were naked.

And as husband and wife, both knew each other was naked. But neither one was ashamed!

*And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.* Gen. 2:25

However, when they both fell victims to Satan’s, the Serpent’s, strategies and wiles,

and took of the forbidden fruit…

Gen. 3:7 - *The eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;*

 *and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

Today, God still expects man and woman to cover up their nakedness and to be dressed modestly and appropriately, as…

I Tim. 2:9, HCSB - *Also, the women are to dress themselves in modest clothing, with decency and good sense, not with elaborate hairstyles, gold, pearls, or expensive apparel*

Just as the women are to be decently dressed, they should not be overly dressed as

I Pet. 3:3-4, HCSB - *Your beauty should not consist of outward things ⌊like⌋ elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold ornaments or fine clothes.*

 *Instead, ⌊it should consist of⌋ what is inside the heart with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very valuable in God’s eyes.*

Today, those who believe in human and freedom rights so-called declare that they have rights of their own and can do whatever they desire – it is their right to live the way they think is right, and others have no right to criticize them,

 even if they should appear naked in public!

 They are not ashamed to do what they do; on the contrary they are proud of what they do immaterial of what others think of them.

Do you agree with them? **REFLECT**.

1. It is sad and tragic to note that today with the global pandemic of Covod\_19 many counties in the world have locked down their cities and rule that certain precautions have to be taken, for instance, people should not crowd together but should observe the rule of social distancing, thoroughly wash their hands frequently and wear masks, not only to protect themselves but also others. However, there are thousands who claim their rights to be free to do what they want without being dictated to by others in authority. They stand up strongly against the order to wear masks. Consequently, in those communities thousands have died because of the spread of Covid-19 although some do not think that this is one of the causes. Do you have a right to do what you think is right and ignore the rights of others when such an attitude may risk the others’ lives and cause them to fall prey to the disease?

 **REFLECT.**

 **POINTS TO PONDER:**

*Is it Right for me to* ***I****nsist on my Rights and* ***I****gnore the Rights of others?* ***I****s this Right?*