

Isaiah 61:10-11

I delight greatly in the Lord ; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

Genesis 2:24-25

24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. 25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 3:8-14, 20-21

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me-she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals!

20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. 21 The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Part 1

Message notes:

We rejoice because God provides us with a _____.

God is a _____ Father.

Truth leads to _____.

Nothing keeps more people away from Church than _____.

The Father is on a mission to _____ His children.

This is God beginning the plan of _____.

For God to have a relationship with sinful creatures requires clothing—the garments of _____.

Until you appreciate the price of the garments, you're not going to appreciate the _____ of the garments.

There is nothing we can hide from God, but He still _____ us.

Additional notes:

Discussion Questions:

Why does sin have such a negative affect on our relationship with God?

What damage happens in our lives when we try to hide our sin?

Does God expose our sins to shame us? How does truth lead to healing and a deeper relationship with the Father?

How can we know that God is a joyful Father?

Why is God so driven to redeem and restore us?

How does understanding the price of our Christian garments help us to appreciate the benefits of the garments?

How does God's forgiveness (wearing these garments) change the way that we live today?

Ministry Time Questions:

Do you have places of shame that are keeping you from coming fully into God's presence?

Is anyone struggling with believing that God is a joyful Father to you?