

WHAT DID ADAM AND EVE LOOK LIKE?

Gen. 3.20,21

INTRODUCTION:

- A. People ask what Adam and Eve looked like - usually, about race.
- B. Want to know if Adam and Eve were white, black, yellow, or what.
- C. Bible silent on question. Possible racial distinctions, from genetic potential created in Adam & Eve; or resulted at Babel Gen 11:9
- D. All we know about Adam and Eve is what God revealed Gen 3:20,21
- E. Some believe story of Adam and Eve is a myth, yet it's presented as history and revealed as God's pattern for kind of lives God wants
- F. Look at some things found in Gen. about them, Bible gives answers in matters, besides appearance, needing serious consideration today

DISCUSSION:

I. ADAM AND EVE LOOKED LIKE A MAN AND A WOMAN

- A. Created man on 6th day Gen 1:27 - Gen 2 explains: 2:7,18 not good for man to be alone; 20 - no suitable companion among animals; 22-23 - God took a rib from Adam and created woman.
- B. Must not question God's ability to make from a rib anything, but the truth is He made a woman for man: 1Cor 11:8-9, 1Tim 2:13; God knows what's best, so He did what was best for man
- C. God didn't make another man for Adam or two women.
 1. Homosexual and lesbian relationships are against nature and unrighteous: Rom 1:26-27, 1Cor 6:9-10.
 2. God intended for only a man and a woman to enjoy the unique relationship of intimacy and sexuality He created them for.

II. ADAM AND EVE LOOKED LIKE A HUSBAND AND WIFE

- A. Man to leave father & mother and be joined to his wife. Gen 2:24 marriage didn't just evolve as man went from primitive to a more civilized state; God instituted it
- B. Due to divine origin, marriage good for man 1Cor 7:2, Heb 13:4
 1. Only in marriage is sexual relationship pleasing to God;
 2. God knows best, so what He says is always right and good
- C. Outside marriage, sexual union is fornication or adultery 1Cor 7:2
 1. Works of flesh and those who continue in them won't inherit kingdom of heaven: Gal 5:19-21.
 2. Ungodly of society mock and ridicule marriage as obsolete and old-fashioned. Many disregard it altogether and "live together;" some break vows by having affairs, others divorce mate at the drop of a hat without scriptural cause and marry another.
 3. Warning about fornicators is clear: Rev 21:8. We need to be more concerned with God's plan for husband and wife

III. ADAM AND EVE LOOKED GUILTY

- A. God gave them a law: Gen 2:16,17 which disobeyed Gen 3:1-6.
- B. Became guilty, & knew it they began blaming each other: vs. 9-12.
- C. Scriptures teach all accountable people are guilty of sin Rom 3:23

1. Not from Adam & Eve, but by disobeying God: Jas 1:14-15
 2. When one yields to temptation sin results - a personal choice and burden of guilt before God must be borne
- C. Repentance required because of sin Lk 13:3, Acts 17:30. Just as Adam & Eve, when we sin, we stand guilty before God also

IV. ADAM AND EVE LOOKED MODEST

- A. At creation Adam & Eve, naked and unashamed Gen 2:25
 1. With sin came knowledge of nakedness, a sense of shame, & a conscious need for clothing: Gen 3:7.
 2. God not satisfied and replaced their coverings (KJV aprons-- basically loincloths) with coats (tunics, garments) Gen 3:21
- B. This establishes the necessity of modesty.
 1. Some say unclothed body isn't shameful so not wrong to show it, (even so-called "Christian nudist colonies")
 2. Many who wouldn't necessarily say such often are as close as possible to naked in much of the attire worn in public.
 3. Body not to be a source of entertainment: Matt 5:28.
 4. God made men and women so that certain ways a woman's and man's bodies are presented just naturally creates lust
- C. Women (and men) should wear modest apparel: 1Tim 2:8-10.
 1. Woman (or man), to please God must be known for good works he/she wears, not kind of clothing or lack of it worn.
 2. Passage directed to women doesn't mean men can wear or not wear whatever. God made coats for Adam & Eve
 3. Appearance guided by God's will, not fashion or comfort
 4. A definite connection between clothing and morality.

V. ADAM AND EVE LOOKED LIKE A FATHER AND A MOTHER

- A. God told them to multiply and replenish the earth: Gen 1:28.
 1. God created them to bear children: Gen 4:1,2
 2. God's plan is to rear children in a stable marriage relationship
- B. Being parents one of most important responsibilities Psa 127:3-5.
- C. If more understood Children are an inheritance from God things would be done a lot more differently in many homes
- D. God's wisdom includes father & mother in bringing up children
 1. Need God's guidance for awesome task: Prov 22:6, Eph 6:4.
 2. For reasons beyond our control, one parent may be missing: death, desertion, or unwanted divorce, remaining parent must do the best under the circumstances.
 3. Parent who deserts or divorces without cause is accountable.
 4. Doesn't take a village to raise children; it takes father & mother

CONCLUSION:

- A. Biblical picture of Adam & Eve and lessons to be learned from them
- B. Main lesson - obey God. If not a Christian: Heb 5:8,9

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