

SHAME THE MARK OF CAIN

The shame of man enters into the world.

Genesis 3:6-12 “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise *and* insightful, she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of the two of them were opened [that is, their awareness increased], and they knew that they were naked; and they fastened fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool [afternoon breeze] of the day, so the man and his wife hid *and* kept themselves hidden from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to Adam, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He said, “I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” ¹¹ God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten [fruit] from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² And the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me—she gave me [fruit] from the tree, and I ate it.” **AMPLIFIED**

Shame is inherited to each generation.

Genesis 4:8-16 “Cain talked with Abel his brother [about what God had said]. And when they were [alone, working] in the field, Cain attacked Abel his brother and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” And he [lied and] said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰ The Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s [innocent] blood is crying out to Me from the ground [for justice]. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s [shed] blood from your hand. ¹² When you cultivate the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength [it will resist producing good crops] for you; you shall be a fugitive and a vagabond [roaming aimlessly] on the earth [in perpetual exile without a home, a degraded outcast].” ¹³ Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, You have driven me out this day from the face of the land; and from Your face (presence) I will be hidden, and I will be a fugitive and an [aimless] vagabond on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵ And the Lord said to him, “Therefore, whoever kills Cain, a sevenfold vengeance [that is, punishment seven times worse] shall be taken on him [by Me].” And the Lord set a [protective] mark (sign) on Cain, so that no one who found (met) him would kill him.” **AMPLIFIED**

Shame is mainly a visual emotion.

Their eyes, Adam and Eve, were opened to their nakedness.

Nakedness = Shame

They tried to hide their nakedness with man made **respectability**.
I.E. fig leaves.

God called out for Adam to come out into the open. To reveal himself.

Adam said “I was hiding from your voice and your presence because I was afraid.

Why was he afraid?

Because he was aware of his nakedness.

His shame.

What was his shame?

He disobeyed his loving Father God.

Romans 3:20 “For no person will be justified [freed of guilt and declared righteous] in His sight by [trying to do] the works of the Law. For through the Law we become conscious of sin [and the recognition of sin directs us toward repentance, but provides no remedy for sin].” **AMPLIFIED**

Without the knowledge of sin there is no **repentance**.

It doesn't matter if you break one commandment or ten.

The law is our schoolmaster. It brings us to the law of grace.

Disobedience brings shame and shame brings fear.

Fear of rejection due to the actions or lack of actions of the person

Shame is to be dishonored, to be disgraced, to lose honor, to lose grace, to lose face.

Shame is to bear the mark of Cain.

Everyone knows of your loss of honor, grace, and face.

To be free of shame you must be free from the fear of rejection.

To be free from the fear of rejection you must first have the fear of God; not fear of man.

Do not be like Cain who was shameless in that he feared men more than God.

Only when you have the fear of God, will you repent of the actions that caused the shame in the first place.

Then you can receive forgiveness.

Then forgiveness will result in the opposite of shame which is:

Acceptance, Approval, and Purification.

John 8: 1-11 THE PASSION TRANSLATION
Woman caught in the act of adultery.

Let's take a look at the process.

First is disobedience to the law of God. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Second is her nakedness or shame was apparent to all.

Third is fear of rejection due to her actions.

But, Jesus drew attention to her accusers that they were naked.

Shame of sin upon them.

He may have been drawing in the dirt the Ten Commandments for all to see.

Instead of rejection and condemnation, Jesus accepted her shame and covered her with his forgiveness.

But He warned her as she went **to sin no more.**

Hebrews 12: 1-2 "As for us, we have all of these great witnesses who encircle us like clouds. So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us² We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. His example is this: Because his heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, (despising the shame) and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God!" **TPT**

Jesus endured the shame of the cross that we might be accepted in the beloved.

He bore the marks of disgrace and dishonor in his body.

The scars and the wounds that He received on our behalf so that we might not be ashamed of Him and of His coming.

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Revelation 3: 18 “So I counsel you to purchase gold perfected by fire, so that you can be truly rich. Purchase a white garment to cover and clothe your shameful Adam-nakedness Purchase eye salve to be placed over your eyes so that you can truly see.” **TPT**

The shame of their nudity

Let us not be like the Laodecian Church which didn't know they were naked and poor. They were not ashamed of their condition before the Lord.