

# Getting Naked

The Spiritual Behind the Physical



# The Golden Age of Nakedness



The man and  
his wife were  
both naked,  
and they felt  
no shame.

-Genesis 2: 25



# Deep Nakedness

If we walk in the  
light, as he is  
in the light, we  
have  
fellowship with  
one another...



-1 JN 1: 7



# Paradise Lost



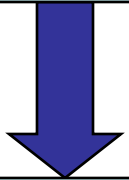
Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

-Genesis 3: 7

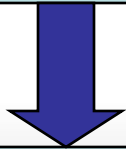




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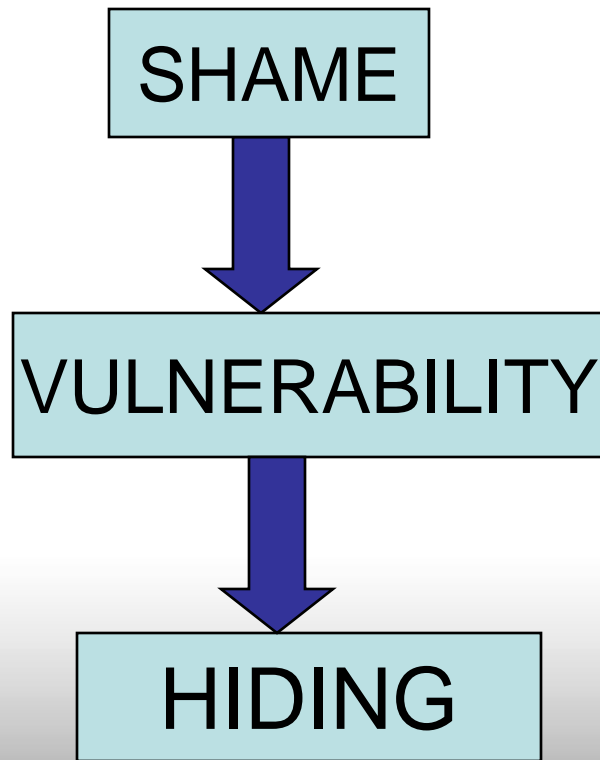


SELF-FOCUS



VULNERABILITY







# Shame goes deep than fig leaves can cover

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.

-Genesis 3: 8-9



# Deep vulnerability

But the LORD God called to the man,  
“Where are you?”

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

-Genesis 3: 9-10



# Guilt turns us inward—and alienates us

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

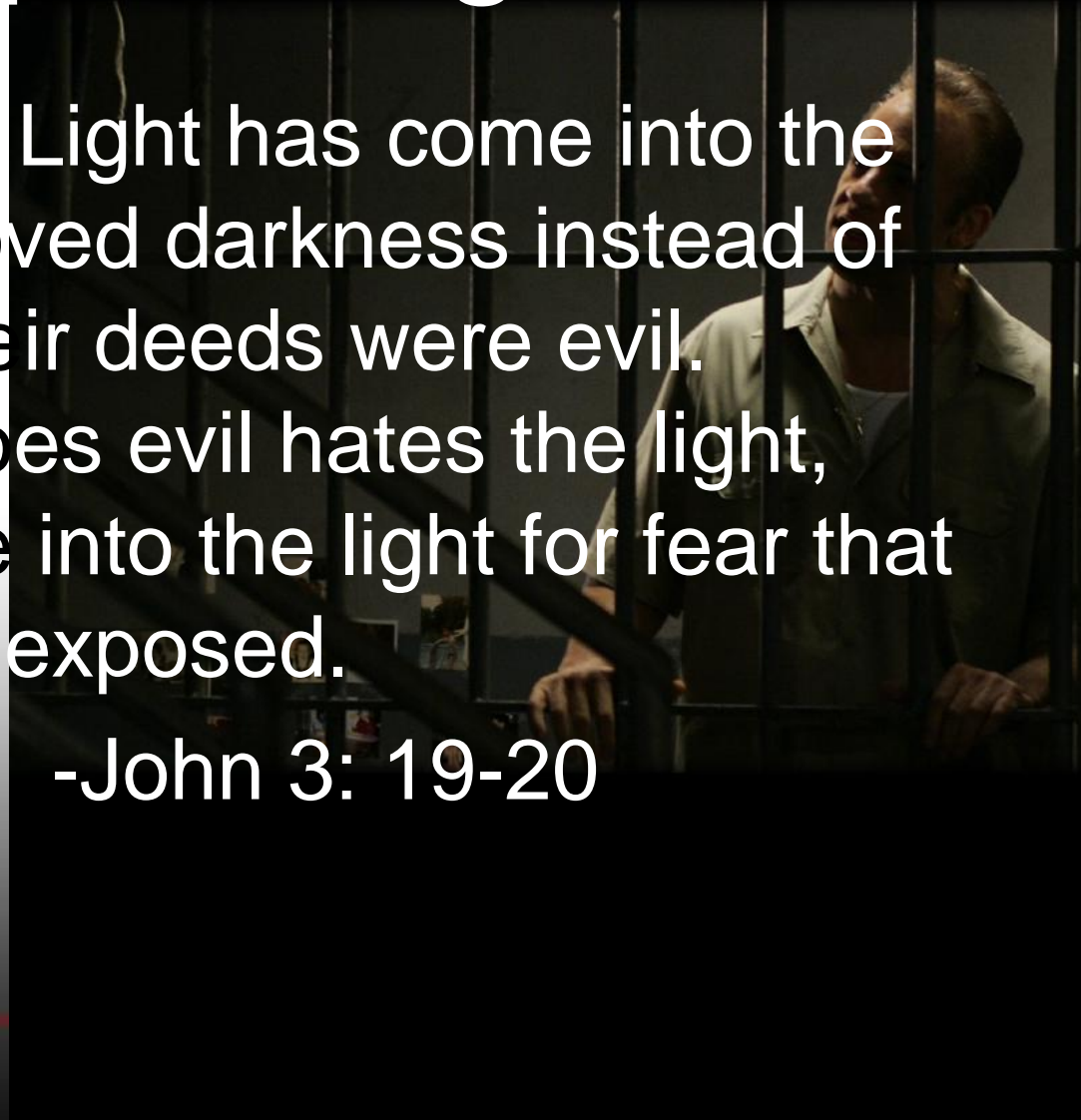
-Genesis 3: 11



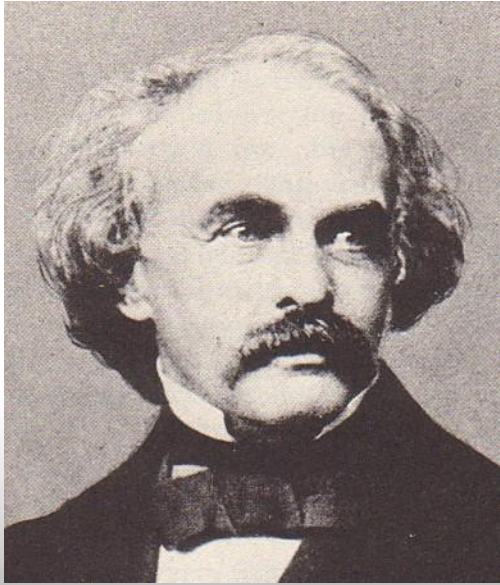
# Deep Hiding

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

-John 3: 19-20



# “The Minister’s Black Veil”



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“When the friend shows his inmost heart to his friend; the lover to his best beloved; when man does not vainly shrink from the eye of his Creator, loathsomely treasuring up the secret of his sin—then deem me a monster...”





# “The Minister’s Black Veil”

“I look around  
me, and lo! on  
every visage a  
Black Veil!”



# We live in the land of fig leaves



# Finding Cover



# The beginning of a solution

The LORD God  
made garments of  
skin for Adam and  
his wife and  
clothed them.

-Genesis 3: 21



# Real covering

“...I spread the corner of my garment over you and **covered** your nakedness. I gave you my solemn oath and entered into **covenant** with you, declares the Sovereign LORD, and you became mine.”

-Ezekiel 16: 8

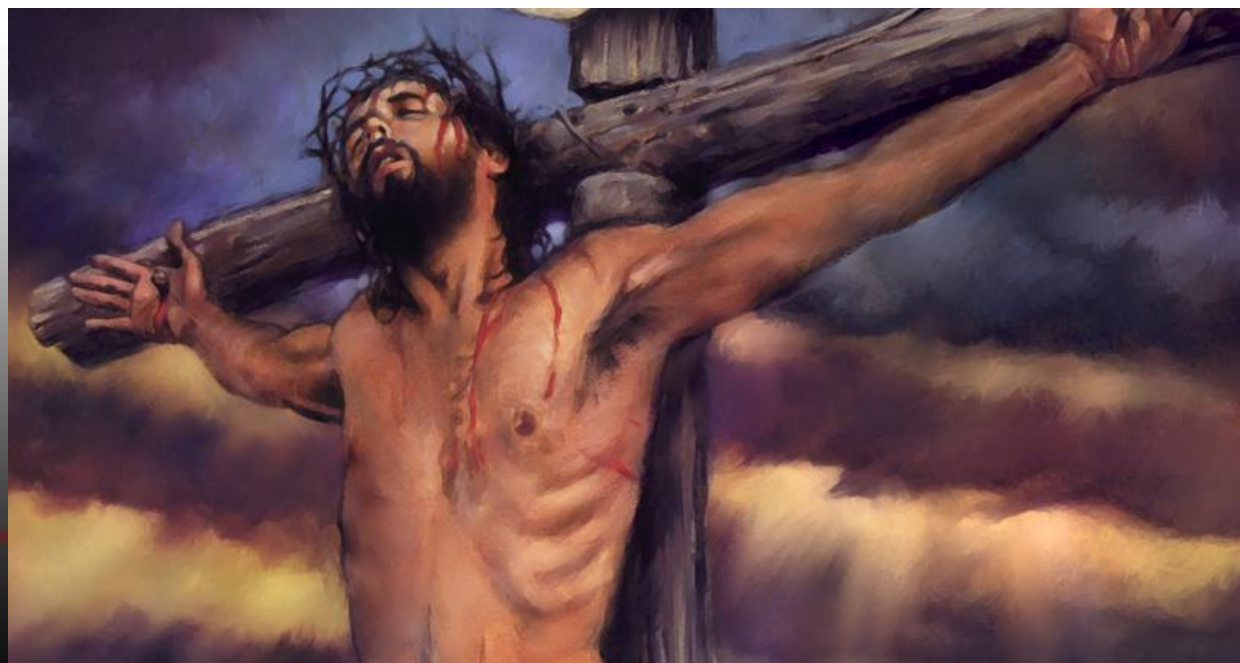




# How he covered us

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, despising its shame...

-Hebrews 12:2





# Nakedness Regained



# Clothed with Christ

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

-Galatians 3: 26-27



# The *chuppah*: covenant with covering



# No nakedness without *chuppah*

If a man seduces a virgin who is not pledged to be married and sleeps with her, he must pay the bride-price, and she shall be his wife. If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he must still pay the bride-price for virgins.

-Exodus 22: 16-17



# Covering brings depth to all our relationships

But whoever lives by the truth comes  
into the light, so that it may be seen  
plainly that what he has done has  
been done through God.

-John 3: 21







# Being coverers ourselves

But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father's nakedness.

-Genesis 9: 23



# Getting naked again



# Paradise Restored





[Jesus said:] “You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.

“I counsel you to buy from me...white clothes to wear so you can cover your shameful nakedness.”

-Revelation 3: 17-19

