

## GOD IS CALLING YOU TO THE PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP

[ *"But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"* ]

(*Gen 3:9*)

There is something I have discovered about God in my few years of serving Him. He is love. In fact, when the Bible speaks about God being love it is not an exaggeration. God is love. He does not have love. He does not exhibit love. He is love. His nature is love. *"Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love."* (1John 4:8)

Since God's call to Adam, that call to man has not stopped. God is calling us back to a relationship and fellowship with Him. You see, when man sinned against God he went into hiding. He fled from God's presence. He did not want anything to do with God any longer. It was God who came looking for man. It was God who called man. He wanted man back to fellowship. Fact is when man even saw his nakedness and tried to cover it, he did not get the right material for his covering. He used leaves of trees: *"Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths."* (Gen. 3:7)

However, God being so loving and caring changed the leaves to something better and more durable. *"And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them."* (Gen 3:21)

If they were garments of skin, we could guess that it was the skin of animals.

If that is the case, then God may have shed the blood of an animal to cover their nakedness. Could this agree with scripture that says, *"...whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."* (Rev. 13:8)

Well, this means that the Lamb of God (Jesus) was slain in the type of an animal from the foundation of the world but was manifested at the right time as the real human lamb of God to take away our sins. The essence of the shedding of the blood of Jesus was to cover our nakedness or remove our sins so we could come back to the place of fellowship.

In the Old Testament they shed the blood of animals using priests and high priests to allow them to fellowship with God but now the blood of Jesus has done it all. He Himself is the High Priest and at the same time the victim of sacrifice who shed His own blood, all for fellowship with God. We are admonished to come boldly to God for fellowship by the blood: *<sup>16</sup>Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."* (Heb. 4:16)

### PRAYER & CONFESSION

*Lord, I thank you for your great love for me.*