

WHAT DID ADAM AND EVE LOOK LIKE?

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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 Bable Gen 11:9
- D. All we know about Adam and Eve is what God revealed Gen 3:20
- E. Look at some things found in Gen. about them, Bible gives answers in matters, besides appearance, needing serious consideration today
- F. 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

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. Reason repentance is required 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 tunics (KJV coats, or cloaks)
- 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 2:9-10.
 - 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 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 Ps 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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