

Genesis 3:20-24

20. Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living. 21. And the Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

It seems very odd how out of nowhere Adam names his wife Eve, especially where her name means the mother of all the living. Nowhere up until this time did God ever call the woman by the name Eve. Rather the Lord called them both man. Please consider **Genesis 5:1-2, "In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. 2. He created them male and female and he blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.** It was Adam's idea to give Eve her name, because God saw the two as one flesh. A great part of her identity came from her husband, much the same as it does today. My wife is Mrs. Farrar, she took on my name; I didn't take on hers. This idea was all part of God's original creation. Now I know many feminists are offended by this, but my response is really quite simple; "If the word of God offends you, then be offended." I make no apologies for God or His word. The next thing that seems so totally out of place is the scripture where God clothed Adam and his wife. Nothing in God's word is there by accident or is in any way out of place. This scripture clearly shows us that man is incapable of covering himself; spiritually that is. Often we think that we can cover our transgressions through financial gifts, acts of service or some other form of self payment; but the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is the only propitiation for our sins, which is accepted by our Heavenly Father. I also believe that the skins were more than likely lamb skins, because Jesus Himself is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of mankind. Beloved, there is nothing in God's word that is there by accident. Rather it is all complete and conclusive.

22. Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"- 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. 24. So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim, and the flaming sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Why was God worried so much about man eating from the tree of life, and then being able to live forever? Because if Adam and Eve had eaten from the tree of life after having ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, then they would have been eternally bound to a life of sin and death; where they could never have had any hope of a Savior. God knew the only way any of us could ever be saved was through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, and by His resurrection. It was God's mercy that set those cherubim outside of the east gate of the garden, to protect man from himself. Otherwise, I am confident that man would have eventually eaten from it as well. Today you and I are blessed indeed with the fact that our Messiah has already paid in full for the sins of man; and for your sins as well. All you need do to partake of this wonderful gift is to ask Jesus Christ to come into your life and to forgive you of your sins. No longer will you have to be separated from the most wonderful relationship mankind can ever know!