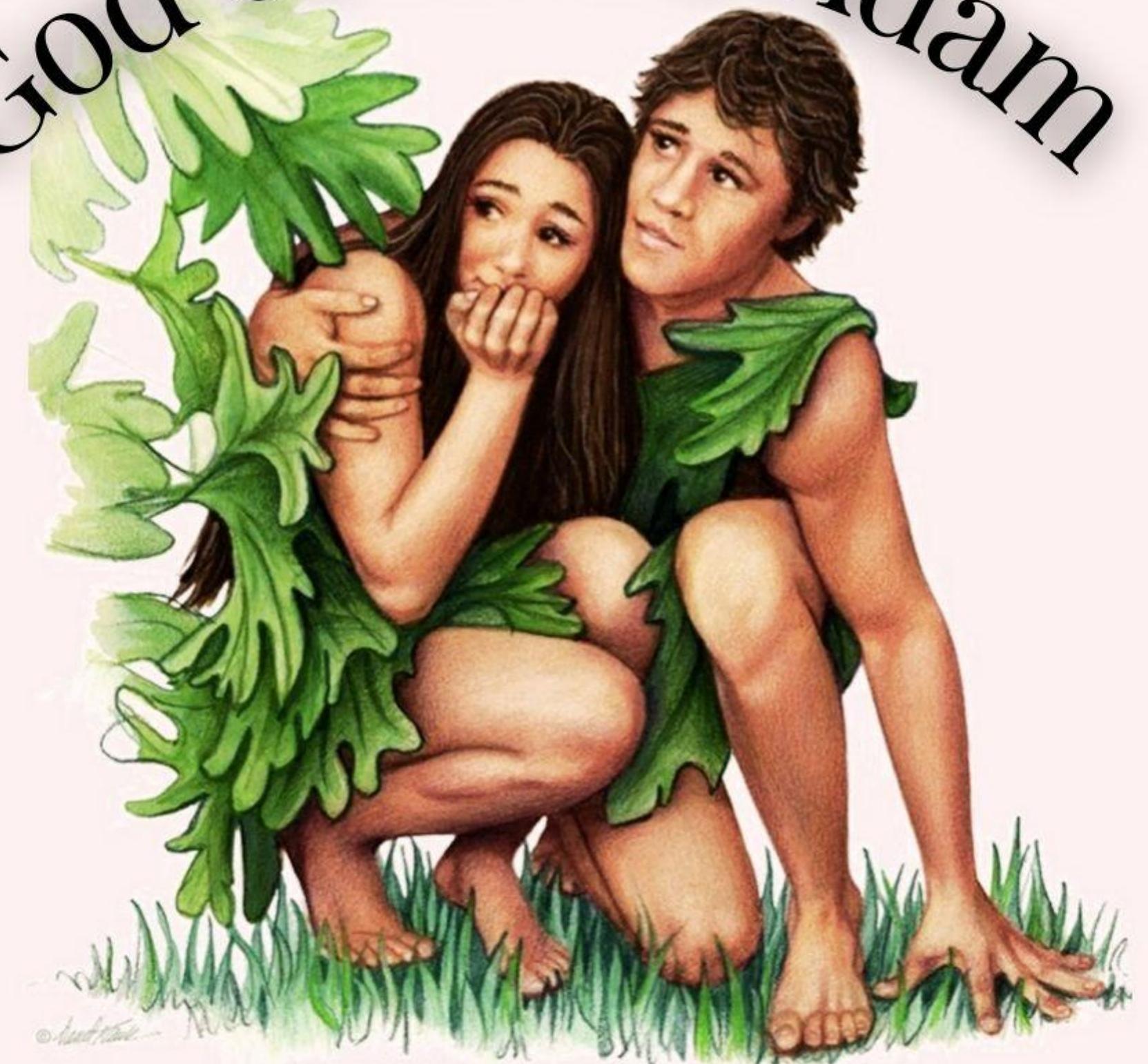


God covered Adam



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Why a blood sacrifice? Original sin and my will

Adam's story on sacrifice. Cain and Abel.

God came, and gave a promise (Genesis 3)

8 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 ...

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

11 ... “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

12 The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it”

...

15 I (God) will put enmity between you (the serpent)... and hers (offspring); he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

- Who is “he”?
- Why “hers”, not “his”? Why “offspring of a woman” in a patriarchal society?
- What will “he” do? What will happen to the serpent?
- How will this solve anything?

“What we *really* think about God

“Cursed”...

- Distrust, controlling
- Power struggle, not mutual submission
- Pain, strained relationship
- Rebellion
- Hostility (thorns)

What kind of relationship do these words describe: *Friend* or *Foe*?

The state of Adam/Eve’s closest relationships >>
comes out of the **source** relationship ---
how is it between Mankind and God?

-- Estranged, suspicious, distrusting, siding with God’s enemy

So now how?

God's dilemma??

Story: 1980 Iraq invasion of Iran.

- In the Iranian city of Khorramshahr
- Zahed the Iranian medic
- the Iraqi aggressor, Tank unit soldier Najah.

Video clip extracted from documentary: *My enemy, My Brother*

Justice fulfilled. Who paid?

Love extended. To who?

Genesis 3

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

- The problem: **shame**.
- God provided the **covering**.
- What is “grace”?

Romans 5.

Left side=“friend”?

⁶ You see, at just the right time,

⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

how much more shall we be saved

Right side=?Enemy?

when we were **still powerless**,

Christ died for the ungodly.

While we were **still sinners**, *Christ died for us.*

⁹Since we have now been **justified**—
by his blood,

*from God’s **wrath** through him!*

¹⁰ For if, while we were God’s **enemies**,
we were reconciled to him *through*
the death of his Son.

What do you think? What should God do?

- **Reject both.**

Why? _____

- **Accept both.**

Why? Your reason: _____

- **Accept Cain's vegetables.**

Reject Abel who killed an animal.

Why? Your reason: _____

- **Accept Abel's offering, the animal from his flock.**

Reject Cain's vegetables.

Why? Your reason: _____

What's the problem? What is God's nature?

Genesis 2:17 ...eat from it you will surely *die*.

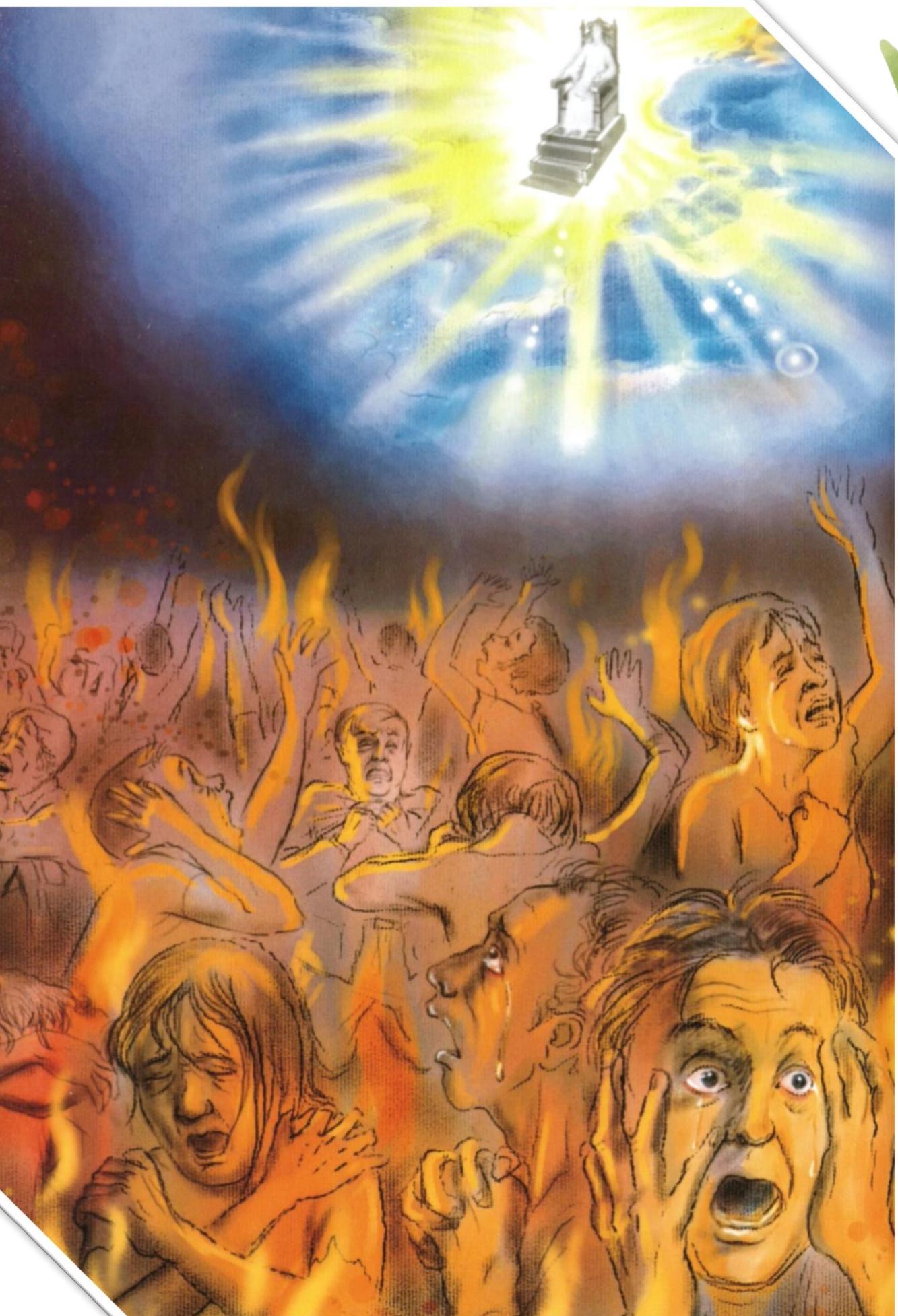
Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is *death*...

What is “death”?

- *Picture: separation*

Which comes first?

- My faith? My sincerity?
- Or _____



What is Abel saying to God?

What is Cain saying?

- Abel: God, I am separated (estranged) from you. I am a sinner.
- Cain: _____ E.g., I don't think there's a problem. I'm good enough to come before God.

- Abel: I cannot help myself. God put my sin on this lamb. This lamb dies in my place. I receive God's grace toward me.
- Cain: _____ E.g., Through my own hard work, my effort, I can earn my way to God. I do not need God's grace.

- Abel: I trust in God's promise that he will send a deliverer, the Lamb who will take my place.
- Cain: I _____

Am I capable?

5 ... but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

6 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?

7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”