



Religion; man's covering of sin

In the beginning Adam was commanded to not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil or they would die (Gen 2:17). Adam ate the fruit and sin entered the world (Rom 5:12). He died spiritually and became disconnected from God (Eph 5:8). Once he ate both Adam and Eves eyes became open, and they knew they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings (Gen 3:7). When Adam and Eve transgressed against God, they immediately felt guilt and shame and tried to cover their sin.

Religion is man's attempt to cover their sin. It is man's attempt in their own effort to appease an angry God. When Jesus cursed the fig tree in Mark 11:12-25, He was cursing religion. Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.

A fig tree should produce leaves and figs simultaneously; however, this one had no fruit. Jesus was cursing man's attempt to cover or atone for their own sin. Just as this tree did not have fruit, religion does not either. Rosary prayers and confessions for justification with God are all man's attempt to be right with God outside of Jesus. This is why religion is so toxic because it is as if Jesus died for nothing (Gal 2:21) when we try to offer our holiness to God. The only way for remission of sin is through Jesus' shedding of blood (Heb 9:22).