Think about it:

The reality that we wear clothes is a daily reminder of the sinful condition of mankind.

A decision is placed before Adam and Eve. Both chose to disobey the one prohibition that God gave and there are consequences to this choice. Read Genesis 3:7-20. This choice instantly brought sin into the world and death. Read Romans 5:12. Their eyes were opened. This refers to their minds knowing good and evil.

Their innocence is gone. The knowledge of evil is real in their minds and hearts. Their conscience now appears accusing them of their evil actions. What does this couple try to do? They instantly try to cover their nakedness with clothes. It is interesting to note that wearing clothes is a result of sin.

Not only does this couple try to cover their sin but they quickly hide themselves from God. This is exactly what sin makes us do. We try to cover it up and hide from God. This shows the shame in sin and the power of a conscience. God comes to Adam and questions him directly. Adam places the blame on Eve who places the blame on the serpent. The choice has been made. Now the sentence must be handed down to each one.
The Sentence for Satan

God begins in Genesis 3:14-15 cursing the serpent for its actions. Cursed means to be devoted to destruction or to call for injury to fall upon one. The snake is lowered to the ground to crawl on its belly. It must have been upright before the curse. Next, God curses Satan. God does not have a discussion with Satan. He just pronounces war against him.

The curse brings about a split between God’s seed and Satan’s seed. From this point on there will be enmity between these two. Enmity means hostility or malice that leads to violent acts. History proves the reality of this war that Satan wages on God’s children. In Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43 Jesus spoke about this division in the parable of the tares.

In the curse we have the promise of a Saviour. Genesis 3:15 reveals to us that Satan will bruise Jesus Christ on the cross, but Christ will bruise his head by rising from the dead. Christ ultimately crushes Satan’s head and wins the victory in His resurrection.

The Sorrow for the Woman

It is interesting to note that God never curses Adam or Eve. In the consequences to Eve’s disobedience God says, “I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception”. The woman will have much sorrow. This will be distress of mind, fear, and grief. The woman will have much pain in pregnancy. Every pain and cry of labor in child birth is a stark reminder of the clear disobedience to God’s one prohibition. It is a reminder of the fallen condition of all mankind. There are always consequences to our disobedience.

God also says a result of the choice is Eve will be submissive to her husband with him as the head. She is forbidden to have authority of him in I Timothy 2:11-12. In the garden the two were created equal. Adam would have lead in love and wisdom. Eve would have followed with humility and humbleness. After sin enters there is a battle in the roles of marriage.

The Sorrow for the Man

God confronts Adam directly about his disobedience. He spoke directly to him recalling the command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This makes Adam accountable for his action. God did not curse Adam but the ground. The curse will cause the earth to produce thorns and thistles. These will become obstacles to the man. The beautiful garden is replaced by a cursed ground. Adam will now have to work hard just to get a harvest to eat. The thorns and thistles will require him to sweat and labor hard in work. The Bible says that man will have sorrow. He will be reminded through the everyday struggles just to live of his decision.

The fall of mankind brought in certain death. Adam’s physical body would now begin to deteriorate. The work and labor would take a toll on his body. Death is the final result. There is no way around death. The Bible calls death the last enemy. It is the final catastrophe. It is the ultimate reminder of the sinful condition of mankind.

These passages reveal why we see certain things in life today. Clothes, the two groups waring against each other, painful child birth, conflict in the marriage roles, the ground producing weeds, and death are all reminders of the disobedience to God.