

Adam and Eve both ate of the fruit, and obtained a knowledge which, had they obeyed God, they would never have had,--and experience in disobedience and disloyalty to God,--the knowledge that they were naked. The garment of innocence, a covering from God, which surrounded them, departed; and they supplied the place of this heavenly garment by sewing together fig-leaves for aprons.

This is the covering that the transgressors of the law of God have used since the days of Adam and Eve's disobedience. They have sewed together fig-leaves to cover their nakedness, caused by transgression. *The fig-leaves represent the arguments used to cover disobedience.* When the Lord calls the attention of men and women to the truth, the making of fig-leaves into aprons will be begun, to hide the nakedness of the soul.

But the nakedness of the sinner is not covered. All the arguments pieced together by all who have interested themselves in this flimsy work will come to naught. (*SDA Bible Commentary*, vol. 1, pp. 1083-1085; emphasis supplied)