

Monday Music – Because Life is Serious Enough

After three weeks of songs with the word *Beautiful* in the title, I promised you that the next **Monday Music** song would not be *Beautiful*.

I've kept my promise—although *laughter is a beautiful thing*, so maybe I didn't?

Enjoy this Monday Music – Because Life is Serious Enough.

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Do you have a song you'd like me to feature on [Monday Music](#)? Please share it with me in the comments.

Monday Music – “Beautiful” by Mali Music

The song “[Beautiful](#)” and the singer ([Mali Music](#)) are both new to me, and his soothing voice and his message have caught my attention.

I must confess to having a weakness for a reggae sound. It transports me to the crystal blue water and white and pink sand of the Caribbean.

I can almost feel the warm sun and a gentle breeze as he

sings.

And that smile – especially after the very last note. You can't help but smile, too.

I'm glad *American Idol* invited him to play. Maybe those who enjoyed his music will listen to his message.

If **Mali Music** is new to you, too, read this **interview** with him. It encouraged me.

[EXCLUSIVE: Mali Music Talks To GospelPundit About American Idol Performance, New Album & More](#)

I'm excited to see what God is going to do in and through his voice, his heart, and his love for God.

Let me hear from you? What song inspires you today? Comment below, and don't forget to share this with others.

Have a *Beautiful* day!

Adam and Eve: Naked and Unashamed



I can't believe what I'm seeing!

Naked and Unashamed?

Now, don't worry. I'm not going to talk about how I've suddenly become an exhibitionist. I haven't. I promise.

So why talk about it at all?

Because it leads us to a Red Thread Clue!

In **Genesis**, we see that we were created to be **naked and unashamed**—

Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. (Genesis 2:25)

—**but this freedom didn't last long**, for which the fashion industry owes Adam and Eve a huge thank you.

One bite of fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil **stripped Adam and Eve of their freedom** as their disobedience to God **stripped them of their innocence**.

Satan had successfully tricked them, enticing them with visions of grandeur.

“For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
(Genesis 3:5)

Of course **Satan lied about them becoming like God**, except that they did now know both **good and evil**. Evil was standing right in front of them in the form of a serpent.

When their eyes were indeed open, they saw Satan for who he really is—a **liar**.

They also saw themselves for who they had just become—**sinners**.

And they saw they were naked. (Genesis 3:7)

If you're like me, you're wondering:

Did they really not know they were naked before?

Try this out. **Close your eyes**. No, wait. First, read the rest of this, then close your eyes.

After you've closed your eyes, see if you can tell whether or not you have clothes on.

It's not that hard to tell, is it?

I have a dear friend who's blind. She's never once asked me if she was naked.

So, Adam and Eve suddenly realizing they were naked seems a bit senseless, but I'm about to change your opinion.

What do most very young children love to do? The same thing one of my daughters continually requested to do. ***“Can I take my clothes off and run around naked as a jay bird?”***

She was completely unashamed to run around without a stitch of clothing on. She wasn't worried about her older brother or dad seeing her.

She was naked and unashamed.



She was young and innocent.

She was born a sinner, but life hadn't yet taught her the harsher things in life that bring shame.

Innocence was still a blissful pleasure for her.

Now consider Adam and Eve. They were born without a sin nature, so for them, **they were more innocent than my young child.**

They had nothing to hide and nothing to be ashamed of, until . . .

Satan tempted them, and they fell for it. They believed his lies over God's truth. Sin entered their hearts and changed them forever. There was no undoing the damage, and **the shame they felt was overwhelming.**

So they tried to hide their shame—their nakedness.

They thought maybe fig leaves would do it.

Sin Stupidity

Can we all agree that **sin makes you stupid?**

It's made me dumber than a brick often. We see evidence of **sin stupidity** immediately as Adam and Eve don their **fig leaf outfits.**

They chose something that turns brown and crumbles to pieces after one day? At least they didn't pick poison ivy.

Sin stupidity shows up again as Adam and Eve attempt to **hide from God**.

Really? Do you not know Him at all anymore? How are you going to hide from God?

But we're like that, too.

The shame of sin sends us into hiding

The shame of sin may not send us into the trees like Adam and Eve, but we hide, nevertheless.

We hide the truth of anything that brings us shame—things we've done, thought, felt, or said.

And we hide them anyway we think will work.

We don't want to be fully known by man or God.

And that's what's so amazing about God.

He does know us fully, and He loves us still.

God demonstrated this by the first trade He made for Adam and Eve:

their fig leaf suits for animal skin.

It's an astounding story of **grace** and a **Red Thread Clue**, and it's my next post: [Adam and Eve: Naked and Ashamed](#).

Have you ever thought about these questions before? Share your comments below. Join the conversation!

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Monday Music ~ You're Beautiful (by Phil Wickham)

I'm obsessed with this song by Phil Wickham:

You're Beautiful

I simply can't get enough of it. I thought maybe you'd feel the same way, so I wanted to share it with you.

There is something uniquely powerful about music that touches the soul in ways nothing else can.

Phil Wickham's song *You're Beautiful* stops me where ever I am. I can't just *listen* to it. I *enter into it*. Does that make sense?

It's like it takes me into the very presence of God, and I'm mesmerized.

It's impossible for our finite minds to grasp the **pure beauty of God**, but this song gives us **powerful glimpses** that come fabulously close.

And that's why I'm obsessed with this song.

So now, click the play button, sit back, and enjoy the experience of *You're Beautiful*.

(After you've listened to it a hundred times, will you please share it on Pinterest or your favorite Social Media? I have little share buttons that make it easy to share. Spread the obsession!)

Do you have any songs you're obsessed with? Please share them with me below in the comment section.