

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. We come now to the study of the Word of God.
2. This morning we are looking at Genesis chapter 3.
3. Please take your Bibles and turn to Genesis chapter 3.
4. Last week we looked at verses 7-8 where we saw 5 things that happened when Adam and Eve fell into sin in the Garden of Eden.
5. This morning we are looking at God's response to their sin.
6. His first response is to Adam in verses 9-13.
7. Genesis 3:9-13 (NKJV) Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You

gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”  
13 And the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

8. Do you remember the game hide n seek?
9. I don't know anyone who has never played that game where you hide and someone else comes seeking you.
10. As I read verses 9-13, I couldn't stop thinking about the game hide n seek because here we have a classic game of it between Adam and Eve and God.
11. This game was no fun like it was when we were kids.
12. No this was no game but a new reality for the couple.
13. They sinned, and now had shame, guilt, and fear.
14. And as such, they blamed each other and ultimately God for their sin.
15. Blaming others for our actions has been a lifelong problem for man.

16. That's because he learned it from the first man Adam.
17. And as society continues to progress, this problem of blame shifting will ever increase.
18. But the effects of sin are clear.
19. For Adam and Eve, they had life, [but] now had death; whereas pleasure, now pain; whereas abundance, now a meager subsistence by toil; whereas perfect fellowship, now alienation and conflict.<sup>1</sup>

## **LESSON**

### **I. God Called to Adam (v.9)**

“Then the LORD God called to Adam”

God, in His mercy, did not destroy both of them immediately.<sup>2</sup>

The entire confrontation is full of grace on God's part!

But notice that it is also...

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<sup>1</sup> Ross, Allen P. “Genesis.” *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*. Ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck. Vol. 1. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985. 32. Print.

<sup>2</sup> Radmacher, Earl D., Ronald Barclay Allen, and H. Wayne House. [\*The Nelson Study Bible: New King James Version\*](#). Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997. Print.

## A. God's Call is Specific

### 1. He calls him by name, Adam

- a) It's like John 10:3-4 where Jesus is talking about the good shepherd who enters by the door and says "3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep **by name** and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.
- b) He doesn't call them as a group but individually by name
- c) When God wanted to speak to Cain in chapter 4 he called him by name
- d) When God wanted to speak to Noah in chapter 6, He did the same. It was by name
- e) When God wanted to call Abram in chapter 12, He did the same. It was by name
- f) The same is true throughout the Bible

g) To the church at Pergamos Jesus said in Revelation 2:17 (NKJV) “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone **a new name** written which no one knows except him who receives it.” ’

h) God is very specific

When God calls Adam by name, He also addresses him directly. Notice that...

2. His question is specifically directed at Adam

“Where are **you**?”

He wasn’t talking to Eve even though she sinned first. He was talking directly to Adam first.

Why do you think God addressed Adam first?

He was the one the command of not to eat was directly given to in chapter 2:16-17 before woman was created.

He is speaking directly to Adam.

“You” is second person masculine singular

## B. God’s Call is Effectual

### 1. Adam could not hide from God

There was no place Adam could go to evade God.

Remember Psalms 139:7-12?

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,” Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

2. Adam was going to respond

This was the day of reckoning, the day of judgment for his sin.

Even though Adam was afraid of God at this point, he would respond to the loving call of his creator.

3. The same is true today. We come when God calls because there is no place to hide from God
- a) John 6:37 (NKJV) All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.
  - b) John 6:39 (NKJV) This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.
  - c) John 6:44 (NKJV) No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

C. God's Call is Gracious

1. “Where are you?” is not indicating that God didn’t know where Adam was
2. It was a call for Adam to confess his sin

The question was God’s way of bringing man to explain why he was hiding.<sup>3</sup>

Notice...

3. God seeks Adam
  - a) You don’t find Adam seeking God. He was hiding in fear from Him
  - b) Remember Romans 3:11 which says, “...there is none who seeks after God.”
  - c) The real seeker is God - Luke 19:10 (NKJV) For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
  - d) This is what we learn in the parables of **Luke 15:1-32** (lost sheep, lost coin, lost son)

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<sup>3</sup> MacArthur, John, Jr., ed. [The MacArthur Study Bible](#). electronic ed. Nashville, TN: Word Pub., 1997. Print.



Instead of confessing his sin...

## **II. Adam Shifts the Blame (vv.10-12)**

The reason is because...

### **A. He Said He was Afraid (v.10)**

So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

But the real reason he was terrified of God was because of his sin

Instead of looking forward to that appointed time in the early evening, in the cool of the day, where he fellowshiped with God, Adam now hid for fear.

The “cool of the day” indicates that this would have been toward the end of the day

Most likely, the fall occurred earlier in the day  
If that’s true, then Adam and Eve had the whole day to think about what they had done but instead of confessing each one’s sin, they blamed each other and ultimately God.

Notice verse 11...

B. He Blamed God and Eve for His Sin (vv.11-12)

Verse 12, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and **I ate**.”

John Phillips said, “Forced to face his sin, Adam did so, but in a remarkably roundabout way. Like all of us he seems to have had great difficulty in making a clean confession of his guilt. We observe his *explanation*: “I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself (3:10). I heard! I was afraid! I hid! The truth had to be dragged out of him. His whole being was bent. Where was the bright, honest, straightforward, upright man who once had walked the garden glades? Who was that shifty, devious, reluctant, writhing creature? Why could he not come out honestly and say: “I have sinned before heaven and in Thy sight and am no more worthy to be called Thy son”? He was a fallen man, giving the universe its first demonstration that the fallen human heart is “deceitful above all things and desperately wicked” (Jeremiah 17:9).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Phillips, John. [\*Exploring Genesis: An Expository Commentary\*](#). Kregel Publications; WORDsearch Corp., 2009. Print. The John Phillips Commentary Series.

The basic reluctance of sinful people to admit their iniquity is here established.

Repentance is still the issue. When sinners refuse to repent, they suffer judgment; when they do repent, they receive forgiveness.<sup>5</sup>

Proverbs 28:13 (NKJV) He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

1 John 1:6-10 (NKJV) If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

### **III. God Confronts the Woman (v.13)**

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<sup>5</sup> Ibid., MacArthur.

A. What is this you have done?

The question is asked for Eve to confess her sin but instead...

B. Eve Blames the Serpent

“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

**The serpent beguiled me.** Literally, caused me to forget, hence beguiled, from נָשַׁח, to forget a thing (Lam. 3:17).<sup>6</sup>

**And I did eat.** “A forced confession, but no appearance of contrition. ‘It’s true I did eat, but it was not my fault’ ” (Hughes).<sup>7</sup>

## CONCLUSION

1. Now you know why you do some of the things you do like hide in fear from God, feel guilt and shame when you sin, blame your sin on others.
2. We learned this from our first parents.

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<sup>6</sup> Spence-Jones, H. D. M., ed. [Genesis](#). London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1909. Print. The Pulpit Commentary.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., Spence-Jones.

3. But this is without excuse.
4. We, like they, are called to confess our sin not pass it on to someone else.
5. Just as God sought after them, He seeks after you today.
6. And in seeking you, He calls you to come to Him and find rest for your souls.
7. Jesus said in Luke 5:32 (NKJV) I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”
8. If he’s describing you this morning, come to Him.
9. Let’s pray.