

AND THE LORD GOD CALLED GENESIS 3

Text: Genesis 3:9

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Where *art* thou?

Introduction:

We all know the story well. Man was living in innocence; he has absolutely no knowledge of evil. When you think about it, there is only one wrong thing that Adam could do. There is no one to commit adultery with, nothing to covet or lie about, and no other gods to bow down to. He was given only one prohibition, and disobedience to that one command is the only chance he has of committing sin. He can make only one mistake. He does not have any knowledge of sin.

But he sinned. SIN, what an ugly word. In this chapter we are introduced to the Devil, disobedience, and death. This is a gloomy chapter up to this point. It gives some bad news and paints a bleak picture. Things had started out so well for the human race but now it has all changed for the worse.

But then God steps on the scene. Genesis 3:8 could be the most important verse in the Bible. Were it not for Genesis 3:8, all men are condemned as sinners. Death would be final and man could never know God. When God came walking in the garden, the gloom gave way to grace. There is more grace here than there is gloom.

Notice

1. He Came To Them (vs 8)

(Genesis 3:8) "And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden."

A. Usual custom.

1. Would meet with them in the cool of the day.

B. Unusual circumstance

1. The usual had turned to unusual.

2. Adam and Eve did not meet the Lord, but instead hid from Him.

(Romans 5:12) "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

C. Unmatchable Compassion

1. The Lord sought the sinner.
2. He had every right to stay away and to leave them in their sin.
3. His holiness gave Him right to curse the creation and to let it run its own course.
4. His justice gave Him right to destroy the creation without warning.
5. But He came walking.

(Matthew 18:11-14) "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. {12} How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? {13} And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that *sheep*, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. {14} Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."

2. He Called To Them (vss. 9-10)

(Genesis 3:9-10) "And the LORD God **called** unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? {10} And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself."

A. He came not to cast away but call them unto Himself.

(Mark 10:49) "And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he **calleth** thee."

(John 11:28) "And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and **calleth** for thee."

B. He initiates the call.

(Romans 5:8) "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

(2 Corinthians 5:19) "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world **unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

(Colossians 1:20-21) "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things **unto himself**; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. {21} And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled"

(Titus 2:14) "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify **unto himself** a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

C. He seek the sinner, and speaks to the sinner.

3. He Confronted Them (vss 11)

(Genesis 3:11) "And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?"

A. God invokes three questions.

(Genesis 3:9) "And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, **Where art thou?**"

(Genesis 3:11) "And he said, **Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree,** whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?"

1. God knew what had happened, but ask Adam to confess it.
2. Adam had to see what he had done.
3. A sinner must realize that they have sinned and come short of God's glory in order to be saved.

B. God introduces conviction to them.

1. God provided the vehicle that transports people to repent, conviction.

2. Conviction is not judgment but conviction is grace.

a. Without it men would die in their sins and spend eternity in Hell.

4. He Covered Them (vs 21)

(Genesis 3:21) "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them."

A. Man had attempted to cover his sin, but was still naked before God.

B. For the first time in history an innocent lamb is slain and blood is spilt.

1. The innocent died for the guilty.

2. Adam sees death for the first time.

3. Oh what a picture of grace.

C. But there is another garden of grace for us.

1. There God's lamb prayed all night sweating as it were great drops of blood.

2. The He was falsely accused, blindfolded, struck and mocked.

3. He was spat on, was scourged, and had his beard rip from His face.

4. He was stripped naked and shamed before men.

5. He was crowned with a crown of thorns.

6. He was forced to carry the cross to Golgotha where he was crucified between two thieves.

(1 Peter 1:18-19) "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; {19} But with the **precious blood** of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

(Romans 5:20) "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might **abound**. But where **sin** abounded, grace did much more **abound**:"

Close:

The Savior has come, and is calling.