

*Hiding
From
God*

Genesis 3:1-8

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1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Genesis 3:1-8 - continued

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:1-8 - continued

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.

Introduction

A. The chapter of eternal consequences

1. Records the temptation and the fall

2. Reckoned to all of us

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:**



Introduction

A. The chapter of eternal consequences - continued

3. Promises redemption from one born of a woman

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Introduction

A. The chapter of eternal consequences - continued

4. Realized in Christ

1 Peter 1:18-20

18 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:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

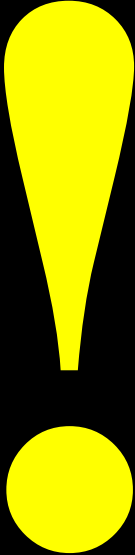
Introduction

B. The broken fellowship that results

1. What God wanted

2. What Adam and Eve did





I. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Investigation

Genesis 3:9

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

I. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Investigation

A. God is always seeking sinners

1. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost

Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost

2. Conviction of sin is evidence that God is seeking

John 16:8

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

I. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Investigation

A. God is always seeking sinners - continued

3. God speaking through His word shows He is seeking

Psalm 119:107

**I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD,
according unto thy word.**

I. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Investigation

A. God is always seeking sinners - continued

4. Sometimes He seeks through trials

Haggai 1:6-7

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

I. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Investigation

A. God is always seeking sinners - continued

5. Sometimes he seeks through others

Hebrews 12:12-13

12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

I. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Investigation

B. Hiding from God is futile

1. There is no place to hide from Him

Psalm 139:7

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

2. Even darkness cannot hide us

Psalm 139:11-12

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

II. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Invitation

John 5:40

And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

II. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Invitation

A. The Lord's invitation goes out to all

1 John 4:9-10

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

II. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Invitation

B. Our Lord's gracious invitations

1. To find rest

Matthew 11:28

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest

2. To become part of the body

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

II. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Invitation

C. Trees people hide behind today

Luke 14:16-24

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

II. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Invitation

C. Trees people hide behind today

Luke 14:16-24 - continued

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

II. Some Hide From God At The Time Of His Invitation

C. Trees people hide behind today

Luke 14:16-24 - continued

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

III. Some Will Hide From God At The Time Of His Indignation

Revelation 6:16

**And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and
hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne,
and from the wrath of the Lamb:**

III. Some Will Hide From God At The Time Of His Indignation

A. The wrath of the Lamb

Revelation 5:5

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Revelation 5:6

And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

III. Some Will Hide From God At The Time Of His Indignation

B. Jesus is the Lamb

John 3:36

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

III. Some Will Hide From God At The Time Of His Indignation

C. Identifying those trying to hide

1. The kings of the earth

– Position makes no difference

2. Chief captains and mighty men

- Power makes no difference

3. All who are free and slaves

- Riches make no difference

We Cannot Hide From Him But We Can Hide In Him

Colossians 3:1-3

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Come to Him And Be Safe