



Genesis 3:8-13 & 21-24—The Fall—Part 2
From Sermon 5.24.20

Read *Genesis 3:8-13*

Review from Sunday's sermon: After falling into sin and death, Adam and Eve hid from the very God they sought the day before. Because of their sin, this would be Jesus' last physical* walk with man until the time of the Gospels (thousands of years). God cannot dwell in the sin. The sinner cannot be in the Presence of holy God. Chapter 3 gives the 2 qualities of God's nature.

1. Which nature of God is clearly portrayed in His Confrontation with Adam and Eve? His uncompromising Holiness. God and His standard do not change or evolve. All sin must be addressed, confronted, and paid for (death). See 1 Peter 1:16 & Romans 1:18

2. Adam and Eve established some historic patterns of dealing the shame (our sinfulness next to God's holiness). Name and review some from Sunday. Hiding, avoiding (medicating), running, redefining, renaming, ... Which one would you say you practice most often?

2a. What are the great dangers in the current pandemic of renaming sin? Misrepresent God. The fatal sin of distorting Scripture. Giving a false sense of security. See also Isaiah 5:20-21

3. There is deep and profound significance in the first couple's fig leaf coverings. What is it? = All manmade coverings to deal with shame. All religions, besides biblical Christianity, are manmade: Works, moral reform, social justice, and rituals. See Galatians 2:16 & Isaiah 64:6

4. Review the Blame Game Adam and Eve resorted to. How does this reflect both our culture and our own "old nature" thinking? Adam blamed Eve & God. Eve blamed the devil. Our culture is indoctrinated with the blame game. No one is forced to take responsibility for anything. We blame parents, genetics, the government, law enforcement, peer pressure, education system, banks, Wall Street, spouses, family, bosses, and employers—to name only a few

5. How far/to what extent did man fall? Totally, thoroughly, completely. The Reformed doctrine of Total Depravity vs. Arminian of "sick, not dead". See Psalm 51:5 & Ephesians 2:1-5.

6. Which second nature of God is clearly portrayed in the final verses of Genesis 3? His Grace

6a. What were some of the grace features pointed out on Sunday? God sought them, because they could/would never seek Him. God didn't strike them dead on the spot. He allowed multiple opportunity for confession. He provided a death substitute. He covered their nakedness. He removed them from His holy consuming presence. He prevented them from living forever in their fallen state.

7. How is removing them from His Presence an act of grace? God's holy presence consumes sin. The sinner cannot be in His unveiled Presence and live. God was protecting them from Himself. See also Exodus 33:20 & Hebrews 12:29

* The Bible does record multiple pre-incarnate appearances of Christ in the Old Testament. However, they would not be considered the communing relationship He had with Adam and Eve.