



SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 3:8-13

“And they heard the sound 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 among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” 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?” Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.””

(Genesis 3:8-13, NKJV)



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ENCOUNTER GOD

LEARNING
FROM
ADAM'S
FAILURE

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CONFRONTATION #1: ARE GOD'S WAYS BETTER?

- Foundational principles set in the beginning (Job 38:1-7; Ps. 139:14).

THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE: LIFE IS _____ AND
MEANT TO REFLECT GOD'S NATURE (GEN. 1:27).

THE NATURE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS: MEN AND WOMEN
ARE _____ BY DESIGN (GEN. 2:18-25).

THE STRUCTURE OF MARRIAGE: A HUSBAND & WIFE JOINED
TOGETHER IN A _____ BOND (GEN. 2:24).

- Principles & Consequences / Sowing & Reaping (Gal. 6:7-8; Eph. 4:28-29; Col. 3:9-10).

PRINCIPLES: THE _____ FOR MAKING GOOD CHOICES

CONSEQUENCES: THE _____ OF OUR CHOICES

- Being deceived and/or led astray (Gen. 3:1-6; see also 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 2 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:6; Col. 2:4).

DECEPTION _____ TRUTH JUST ENOUGH TO LEAD US
ASTRAY: "DID GOD ACTUALLY SAY YOU CAN'T DO SOMETHING?"

DECEPTION _____ SIN AS FREEDOM INSTEAD OF
REBELLION: "GOD IS WITHHOLDING; YOU WON'T DIE."

DECEPTION PRESENTS A _____ CHOICE BETWEEN
GOD'S WAY AND A SEEMINGLY "BETTER" WAY: "THE ONLY
THING THAT WILL HAPPEN IS YOU'LL BE LIKE GOD & GOD
ALREADY KNOWS THIS."

"There is a way that seems right to a man, But its
end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12, NKJV)

CONFRONTATION #2: WHERE ARE YOU?

- **Hey, Adam!** God calls Adam, not Eve, even though she ate first (Gen. 3:9).

HE _____ THE INFORMATION (GEN. 2:16-17)

HE _____ RESPONSIBILITY (GEN. 3:6)

HE WAS _____ OF WRONGDOING (GEN. 3:6-7)

- **What happened?** The negative consequences of sin (1 Tim. 5:24; Heb. 11:25).

_____: SHAME REPLACES INNOCENCE (GEN. 3:7-8)

_____: ADAM SHIFTS BLAME TO EVE (GEN. 3:12-13)

_____: THE WORLD UNDER A CURSE (GEN. 3:14-19)

_____: THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS
FRACTURED BY SIN AND SEPARATION (GEN. 3:8, 22-24)

- The serpent sowed doubt; God sowed justice & mercy (Gen. 3:15, 21; Rom. 3:23-26; 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 15:20-22).

IS GOD GOOD, AND ARE HIS WAYS BETTER?

WHERE AM I IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD—
AM I HIDING, OR AM I TRUSTING HIM?

DO I TRUST GOD ENOUGH TO OBEY HIM, EVEN
WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING?