

From Creation
to Eternity

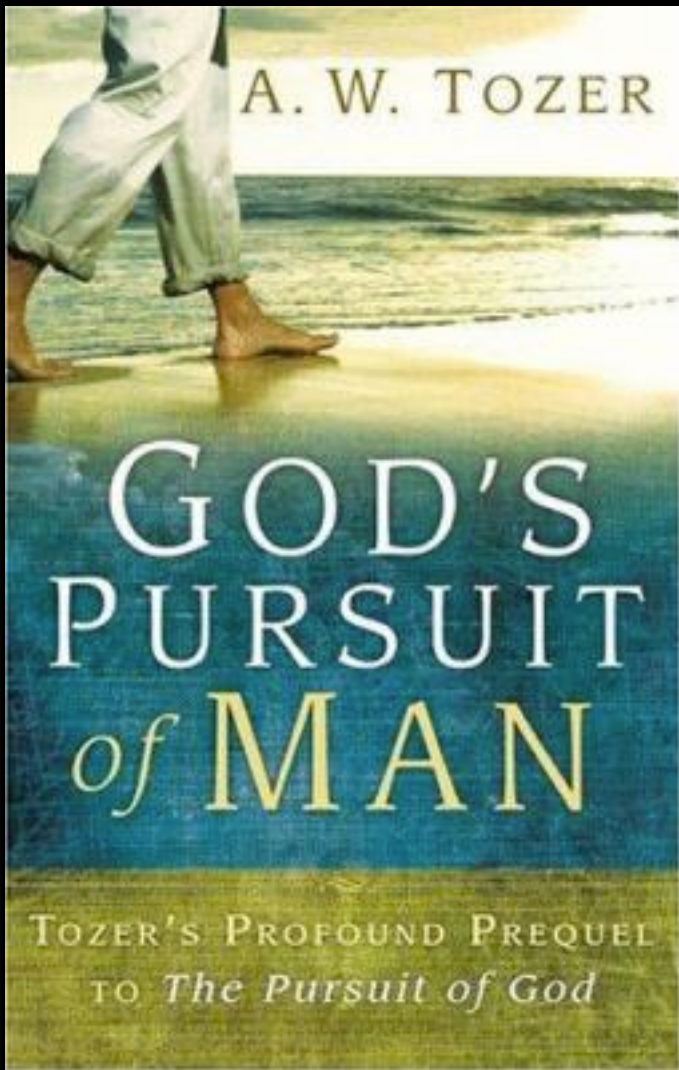
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Lost in the Garden

Genesis 3:7-15






“For myself, I fear any kind of religious stir among Christians that does not lead to repentance and result in a sharp separation of the believer from the world.”

A.W. Tozer - God's Pursuit of Man






“Salvation must include a judicial change of status, but what is overlooked by most teachers is that it also includes an actual change in the life of the individual.”

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




8 They heard the sound of the LORD
God walking in the garden in the cool
of the day, and the man and his wife
hid themselves from the presence of
the LORD God among the trees of the
garden.





9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”





10 He said, “I heard the sound of
You in the garden, and I was afraid
because I was naked; so I hid
myself.”



Seeking the Guilty 7-10

- Following the Fall – the covering – the hiding
- God came calling as normal
- Conditions had changed!
- God is calling – seeking confession
- God knew where and why!



Guilty Confronted

- “I heard – I hid”
- “I was afraid”
- “I was naked”
- Knowledge of ‘good and evil’ was just evil!
- Our relationship to God – ‘hid’
- Our relationship to each other – ‘ashamed’






“Sin has the devil for its father,
shame for its companion,
and death for its wages.”

Thomas Watson






11 And He said, “Who told you that
you were naked? Have you eaten
from the tree of which I
commanded you not to eat





12 The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.”





13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”



Confronting the Guilty 11-13

- “Who told you...”
- “Have you eaten?”
- No other way to Fall –
- Origin of sin – not God, not Satan, not Adam
- Disobedience is the origin of sin
- Disobedience is the disregard for love



Guilty Confronted

- God could have started over – new dirt!
- God could have given up – no dirt!
- God listened to accusations
- God waited for confessions






“No child of God sins to that degree as to make himself incapable of forgiveness.”

John Bunyan





14 The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And dust you will eat
All the days of your life;





15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel.”



Redeeming the Guilty 14,15

- Condemnation to all three!
- Serpent – creepy crawler
- Serpent – enmity = adversary
- ‘her seed’
- ‘He’ = ‘her seed’ = Messiah
- ‘you’ = serpent = ‘bruise Him’ = Cross



This is surely one of the most remarkable verses in the Bible. It was called by the early church fathers the Protevangelium, which means "the first preaching of the gospel." It is the clearest promise, first appearing in the Bible, of the coming of a Redeemer.


Matthew Henry



Guilty Redeemed

- Satan opposed God all through OT
- Satan opposed prophets and Word
- Satan opposed birth of Jesus
- Satan opposed life of Jesus
- Satan opposed message of Jesus
- Satan supported death of Jesus






“But when the fullness of the time
came, God sent forth His Son, born
of a woman” Gal 4:4

“For He rescued us from the
domain of darkness, and
transferred us to the kingdom of
His beloved Son” Col 1:13





“I believe that as often as I transgress,
God is more ready to forgive me than
I am ready to offend.”


Charles Spurgeon



Found in the Garden!

- God is seeking
- Pursuit of God follows Pursuit of Man
- “Not that we first loved Him....”
- “The Son of Man came to seek and to save!”
- Your soul rests between two gardens: Eden and Gethsemane – the difference is the Garden Tomb!





“You must learn, you must let God teach you, that the only way to get rid of your past is to make a future out of it. God will waste nothing.”

Phillips Brooks



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