

# GENESIS

## THE BLAME GAME

Genesis 3:8-13



And 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. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

**Genesis 3:8–10**

# Sin Causes Us To Hide

Our sin causes us to run away from God and hide.

*Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

**Proverbs 28:13**

*Do you feel distant from God?*

*Could that be because of an unrepentant heart?*

*What are the unconfessed sins in your life?*

*What is your heart hardened towards?*

# We Can't Hide From God

We can never hide from God. He knows our hearts, minds, and actions.

*Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!*

**Psalm 139:7–8**

*Does this truth fill you with fear or gratitude?*

# The Hide And Seek Champion

God never stops coming after us. Not to punish but to show grace.

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

**Luke 19:10**

*Are you hiding in fear or running to a Good Father?*

*What do you need to be honest with God about?*

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

**Genesis 3:11–13**



# Placing The Blame

We are quick to place blame on everything and everyone around us.

*But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command yet you never gave me young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'*

**Luke 15:29–30**

*Are you constantly playing the victim?*

*How can knowing what Jesus did change that?*

# Facing The Blame

We need to come to terms with our sinfulness.

*As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."*

**Romans 3:10–12**

*Do you have a healthy understanding of your sinful nature?  
What are the problem areas of your life?*



# Taking The Blame

Jesus took the blame for us. He nailed our sin to the cross.

*And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

**Colossians 2:13–14**

*Have you embraced this good gift?*