

WHAT GOD DID WHEN ADAM AND EVE FELL

Genesis 3:9-24

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Introduction: The first couple, Adam and Eve were blessed with everything any heart could desire and there was only one restriction placed upon them to test their loyalty and fidelity to their Maker, God. Only ONE thing they were forbidden to do. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned how terrible was their sin and God could have sent them into chains under everlasting darkness as He did some of the angels who sinned, or His wrath could have instantly consumed them, for either would have been deserved justice. But NO! In God's overflowing mercy, He visited the Garden of Eden and called out to Adam and Eve, *"...Where art thou?..."*

I. IT WAS GOD WHO SOUGHT THE COUPLE, NOT THEM SEEKING GOD

1. God's divine love for people (mankind) was revealed that day in the Garden when, knowing what they had done, He went to them.
 - What God did then, seeking Adam and Eve, it has been the same ever since.
 - *"...There is none that seeketh after God..." (Romans 3:11)*
 - It was God who sought out and called Abram even while he was an idolater.
 - It was God who sought Jacob at Bethel when he was running away from his wrong doings.
 - It was God who sought out Moses who had run away into Midian.
 - It was God who sought out Jonah to send him to Nineveh.
 - It was Jesus who sought out the disciples while they were fishing and at other work.
 - *"...Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you..."*
 - It is Jesus who seeks out to save that which is lost.
 - The Shepherd who seeks the sheep, and not the sheep that seek the Shepherd.
2. How true it is: *"...We love Him because He first loved us..."*

II. BEFORE PUNISHING ADAM AND EVE, GOD GAVE THEM A BLESSED PROMISE AND HOPE

1. Before God banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, He gave them hope and a promise.
 - *"...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...."*
 - Satan had caused the downfall of Adam and Eve and God told that there would be ONE who would come and "bruise" his head.
 - By woman had come sin.
 - By woman should come the Savior.
 - By woman had come the curse.
 - By woman should come the ONE who would bear and remove the curse.
 - By woman Paradise was lost.
 - By woman would be born the ONE who would regain Paradise.
2. Here is where prophecy also started:
 - God announced that there would be enmity between Satan and the woman.
 - "Woman" has represented other than just a single female.
 - It was from the children of Israel (descendants of Eve) that the Messiah would come and become the object of Satan's constant enmity and assault.
 - All male children were to be killed by Pharaoh.
 - The Egyptian army sought to destroy Israel at the Red Sea.
 - The wars between Israel and many countries, all trying to eradicate Israel, the "woman" through whom the Messiah would come.

- God declared that two "seeds" would be at war - Satan's seed and the Woman's seed.
 - The Antichrist and the Christ.
 - The Antichrist will be the Man of Sin who came from the "seed" of Satan.
 - The Woman's seed is the prophecy of the birth of man's Savior
 - **"...God sent forth His Son, made of a woman..." (Galatians 4:4)**
 - It was the Woman's seed, not the man's.
- God declared that the Woman's seed would bruise the Serpent's head but the Serpent would "bruise" His heel.
 - The bruising of the heel of the woman's seed would be the suffering and death that the Savior would suffer as He was **"...wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities..."**
 - The bruising of the Serpent's head (Satan) will take place when Jesus returns to earth in person and in power and the dragon, that old serpent which is Satan, the Devil shall be bound for a thousand years and cast into the bottomless pit. (Revelation 20:2-3)

III. GOD CLOTHED ADAM AND EVE, HIMSELF

1. God preached the first Gospel sermon by action.
 - **"...Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and He clothed them..."**
 - The way by which a sinful person could return to and approach almighty, holy God.
 - **"...without shedding of blood is no remission..."**
 - A blessed illustration of substitution, the innocent dying in the place of the guilty.
 - Innocent animals dying so that God might make clothes for sinful Adam and Eve.
 - Jesus dying so that sinful people might be saved and restored to fellowship with God.
2. God defined the wages of sin to Adam and Eve before they sinned.
 - **"...In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die..."**
 - God is righteous and as Judge of all, He must do right. His law had been broken and justice cried out for enforcing the penalty.
 - Surely there is a way for mercy to override justice.
 - Surely there is a way for grace to reign through righteousness.
 - Mercy desired to spare the offender but justice demands death, therefore another must be slain in the place of the guilty one.
 - Life must be taken, blood must be shed.
 - Innocent animals died, shed blood that Adam and Eve might be clothed.
 - Jesus laid down His life for the guilty sinners so that God can now be just and the justifier of those who believe in Jesus.
3. Adam and Eve did nothing! God did it all.
 - The same is true today.
 - People do nothing, can do nothing, to bring forgiveness upon their sins.
 - **"...For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God..." (Ephesians 2:8)**

IV. GOD REMOVED ADAM AND EVE FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN

1. It was impossible for Adam and Eve to remain in the Garden and continue their fellowship with God for God is holy and anything which defiles cannot enter His presence.
 - Sin always results in separation.
 - **"...But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you..." (Isaiah 59:2)**

2. God's threat was fulfilled.
 - ***"...In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die..."***
 - Not die only physically, but worse than that, to die spiritually.
 - Physical death separates the soul from the body.
 - Spiritual death is the separation of the soul from God.
3. God barred the way back into the Garden of Eden and the Tree of Life.
 - Fallen Adam and Eve had no right to enter the Garden anymore nor did they have the right to the Tree of Life.
 - No sinner has the right to access God and is barred from God's presence.
 - However the seed of Woman, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of Man has opened a new and living way to God, Himself being the ONLY way into God's presence.

CONCLUSION:

1. God stooped to find Adam and Eve, He came looking for them, not them looking for Him.
2. God blessed Adam and Eve with a prophecy that would cheer the hearts of people through the centuries.
3. God demonstrated His love and grace by providing a covering for Adam and Eve's nakedness and shame.
4. God displayed His holiness in the manner of punishing their sin.
5. God gave a prophecy of a coming Mediator between Himself and mankind - people.
6. Jesus Christ is the promised "seed" of Woman and the One that would bruise the Serpent's head.