



Lesson #1: Where Are You? (Genesis 3:9)

Understanding this question and the chapter it's placed in is critical to understanding the rest of the Bible. Without the events of Genesis 3 the rest of the Bible makes no _____.

Because we all sin, we all struggle with the problem of _____. The fig leaves of human solutions to guilt do not suffice now and will not suffice later when we stand before the living God. Genesis 3 gives us the story of God's coming to that first, guilty, fig-leaf-clad, hiding couple, and offering a solution to their _____.

God comes to Adam and Eve in the Garden and simply says, "*Where are you?*" God is graciously seeking for these guilty sinners just as He still graciously seeks out all guilty sinners.

GOD GRACIOUSLY SEEKS THE _____

If Satan would seek to divide and devour this first couple, Adam and Eve, then let me put you on full alert that Satan wants to divide and devour you! He does this by causing you to _____ everything.

- A. Satan wants you to doubt God's _____**
Here begins the battle with sin. Satan is causing Eve to doubt the very _____ of God. Why would God place you in a garden and then not allow you to eat of all the fruit in that garden? Satan focuses on the singular _____ rather than focusing on the great _____ that God has given. Satan is fixed on the forbidden.
- B. Satan wants you to doubt God's _____**
Satan wages an unceasing battle of _____ consequences against the truths of God's Word that ought to be known, enjoyed, and protected. You move to the destruction of your own soul along the pathway Satan has constructed when you doubt God's Word.
- C. Satan wants you to doubt God's _____**
After introducing doubt regarding God's worth and Word, Satan's next step was to blatantly deny God's _____.

GOD GRACIOUSLY SEEKS THE _____

Sin always leads to guilt; guilt leads to alienation, both between the sinner and _____ and between the sinner and his fellow _____ beings.

- A. The sinner's guilt is seen _____**
The guilt of the sinner is first seen in the sinner himself. In verse 7 _____ yields to _____. Suddenly they were self-conscious. When they sinned their conscience was awakened.
- B. The sinner's guilt is seen _____**
Immediately Adam and Eve lost the open relationship they had enjoyed with one another (cf. Gen. 2:25). The fig leaves picture a barrier between them that is further enhanced when God confronts Adam and he _____ Eve (Gen. 3:12).
- C. The sinner's guilt is seen _____**
Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden. It should have been a time of refreshment and enjoyment, but now it was a time of _____. God was there seeking for them but they didn't want to see Him. It is a fearful thing to be exposed as a guilty sinner in the presence of God.

GOD GRACIOUSLY SEEKS AND GIVES _____

All other religions, apart from Christianity, begin on the note of _____ seeking after _____. Only the Bible starts with the view of _____ seeking after _____.

- A. We see God _____ Man**
In order of their sin God speaks to His creatures: to the serpent, to the woman, and to the man. In verses 14-15 He speaks to the serpent but notice there is no hope, no question to prick the conscience, no grace, only _____ for the serpent. But, hallelujah, God did not speak to man in that way! God came looking for man as a loving Father.
- B. We see God's _____ Work for Man**
Genesis 3:15 is the Bible's earliest promise of a _____. This verse may come as a surprise in the context of judgement but it's unexpectedness only makes God's _____ shine even brighter. Hope springs eternal in the bleakest of stories. This is prophecy, veiled at the time, but evident now, of the coming of a Messiah. And so, in this context where the first couple could rightly have expected to be condemned to Hell for their sin, God promises the defeat of _____ and the victory of the Redeemer who would _____ Eve's descendants.

Concluding Thoughts

So let us direct that question: "*Where are you?*" Are you hiding? Are you afraid? Are you ashamed? Today, God is graciously looking for you because God always seeks for the guilty sinner that He might save Him. If you will come to Him and confess your sin, He will _____ you from Satan's dominion.