



## Sermon Series Notes

### "Solving The Problem Of Sin" (Weekend Communion Services 5-10)

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Gen.2:25 Adam is married to the most beautiful woman in all the world (of course, she is the only woman in all the world at this point in time!), there is no sin, thus no weeds, thorns, no curse, the animals are not wild – so the lions and tigers and bears would have curled right up next to you...the lion laid down next to the lamb...the Cobra was nothing to fear...and Adam's marriage was PERFECT! But everything was about to change...

Gen.3:1-5 This is called deception...and temptation. The serpent (the devil, Rev.20:2) is planting doubts as to God's goodness in Eve's mind.

Gen.3:6 I Tim.2:14 tells us that the woman was deceived, but Adam was not. What lesson is there in this? Some people are deceived into sin, while others sin with a complete knowledge of what they are doing (outright rebellion). Both are guilty...

It's not Paradise any longer for Adam & Eve.

Gen.3:7 Naked and sinful, man attempts to cover himself - with fig leaves!

\* Could it have been a fig tree that was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? (See John 1:45-50).

Gen.3:8 The physical covering did not take away their guilty conscience, so they now "hide" from God.

Gen.3:9 Interesting question, as if God did not know where they were!

Gen.3:10-12 This has been called "passing the buck."

\* Adam tried to blame not only his wife, but indirectly God as well; Eve tried to blame the devil.

\* If they had not been living in paradise, they might have tried to blame their circumstances/environment; If they had human parents, they might have tried to blame them.

**WAS THERE A WAY OUT OF THE MESS THAT ADAM & EVE HAD GOTTEN THEMSELVES INTO? YES...**

1. God's Call

2. Confrontation

\* Isaiah 1: 18 "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

3. Come out of hiding

\* Illus: "The Roommate"

\* I never smoked pot in front of my mother, or the police, or the pastor, etc. The 13 bottles of Visine, gum and mints, the pot in my bass drum...

\* Heb.4: 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

\* Soul Care, pp.59-60

\* Heb.10: 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

#### 4. Confession

\* Prov.28: 13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

\* James 5: 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...

\* I John 1:9

#### 5. Clothing from the Lord

\* Gen.3:21 I believe it was lamb's skin. And the animal that died to "cover" man's nakedness and shame pointed to the future of one that would give his life to not only "cover" man's sin, but "take it away." As a matter of fact, God prophesied right here in Gen.3 about the one who would accomplish this tremendous act of redemption (see Gen.3:15; Abraham; Galatians 3:16).

\* II Cor.5: 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.