

## Genesis 3:8-13 – Shame and Slander in the Family

TSK, HebrewLexicon, Armstrong, Henry, Handfuls, Delitzsch, Calvin, Gill, Poole, INT, Whyttock, Trapp, Leupold, Gaebelein, Geneva, Bush, Barnes Beloved: **Adam and Eve were not children, but adults, adults who deliberately and with premeditation – mature deliberation-sinned against God by eating the forbidden fruit.** They doubted God, allowed themselves to become dissatisfied with God, desired full autonomy from God, became atheists, and then sinned. Today you will see how **God summoned them to accountability, showed them their shame,** and how they **slandered each other – just like their new father - Satan.**

Our headings are:

**The Summons – Where are you?**

**The Shame – What have you done?**

**The Slander – Who made you do it?**

Our goals are: That you will **work to rescue sinners from their corruption, and you will join with the rescued to praise God.**

### **The Summons: Where are you?**

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam 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 Adam and said to him, **"Where are you?"**

#### **1. The Lord Jesus came down in the evening to spend time with his new creation, but this time he came with a hurt heart.**

And it is a sense of deep irony that the regular **call of friendship** turned into a **sound of confrontation and judgment.** This is a repeated theme in Bible after the Fall.

**Deuteronomy 8:20 - "As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.**

#### **2. The Lord called to Adam, as he normally did in evening, summoning him to appear, even though he knew where Adam was.**

Jesus did this because he wanted Adam to fully realize his new condition...that he was now separated from God

#### **3. But Lord's call to Adam and Eve was also a summons of grace – which, he hoped, would start with confession.**

**It was part of Christ's pursuit of redeeming man who had fallen from grace and needed to be restored.**

#### **4. Lessons:**

**a. The type of examination Christ gave to Adam and Eve is indicative of what courts must do: examine the facts, prove guilt, and condemn the wicked.**

**b. God is gracious to give opportunity to his children to come back to right fellowship with him.** This was like when God confronted David with his sin and wanted him to repent. (2Samuel 7) Nathan called David back, David answered, and God restored him. The fact David's son died as a result of David's sin did not mean that God was not gracious. **Rather, the death of David's son showed there are some consequences for sin on this earth, but a place in heaven is secured forever for those who are in a right relationship with God.**

**c. The Lord's coming down from heaven to meet with a sinful Adam is described by Moses in order to prefigure his coming down on Mt. Sinai to remake the covenant with his people, except that it was with fire (picturing judgment) when he came down on Mt. Sinai.**

**Exodus 19:17** And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18 Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, **because the LORD descended upon it in fire.** Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

**d. You are summoned weekly to worship.** God calls you to repent and be strengthened and he calls non-Christians to believe in Jesus who saves them from their sins. This is the Good Shepherd searching for his sheep...like to Zacchaeus.

**Luke 19:9** And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 **"for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."**

God is always the first seeker. You seek him because he sought you. The price of your freedom has been paid.

**Romans 3: 10** As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

**e. Jesus will come down at the end of the world and demand an account of all men. What will you say?**

### **The Shame: What have you done?**

10 So he said, **"I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked;** and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? **Have you eaten from the tree of which I**

**commanded you that you should not eat?"**

**1. Adam acknowledged hearing Jesus' voice, for he knew God was real, but he tried to hide from God.**

Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but **all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**

Yet, God in love was opening the door for his confession.

**Romans 3:19** - Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, **and all the world may become guilty before God.**

**2. Why did Adam try to hide from God?**

**a. Adam was conscious of his sin but he did not confess his sin, so it was not true sorrow.** When it is cold and you feel hot, and your head hurts, you know you have a fever! You'd be foolish to deny that. But Adam denied the obvious.

**How sad he only recognized his nakedness of body rather than the nakedness of his soul.**

And for this Adam is most remembered. Job recognized what Adam did!

**Job 31:33** If I have covered my transgressions as Adam, By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,

**b. Adam was fearful.** He knew he had failed God's test. And he knew what God had threatened.

**Exodus 20: 19** Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; **but let not God speak with us, lest we die.**" **20** And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."

**3. Having been confronted with his sin by the Lord, instead of making a clear confession, Adam confessed that he was naked.**

This wasn't the innocent nakedness from before the Fall. This was a shame and humiliation.

**Deuteronomy 28:48** "therefore **you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness,** and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.

**4. Lessons:**

**a. Roman Catholics sanction Carnivals...like Mardi Gras, reflecting they are children of Adam.** They attempt to think that God does not see behind the mask. (There was a Cardinal in Switzerland who allowed people to do whatever they wanted for a day if they put a mask on. So when the revelers went out and partied, they were thinking God did not know what they were doing. After the reveling, they then went back to their regular life and started purifying themselves through lent – those 40 days before Easter. **This is like the Bacchanalian mysteries of the Ephesians.**

**b. A family with corruption cannot work together for God's glory.** This is illustrated in a man, his mother, and father who conspired to murder a woman so they could get custody of her child. Their conspiracy was exposed. Fig leaves can't cover sin. Learn to marry well.

**c. God confronts sins with the calling of the Gospel of Jesus.** Proclaim it. Support it. This is how people will see their guilt and confess. **If there were no guilt there would be no need for repentance.**

**The Slander: Who made you do it?**

12 Then the man said, "**The woman whom You gave to be with me,** she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "**The serpent deceived me,** and I ate

**1. Adam, instead of admitting his own guilt and begging for mercy from the Lord, proceeded to blame his wife for his disobedience.**

The man who made such a moving vow when he married his wife (*bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh- you belong to me, I belong to you*) blamed his wife for his wrongs. Adam treated Eve as a scapegoat. But the frosting was on his nose, exposing his guilt.

**2. Adam also blamed God for his sin: The woman YOU gave to be with me...**

**Adam was the one who willingly accepted her...**...and even named her...

**Adam was following his new father—a father of fallacious arguments—Satan...**...a lecherous liar.

His theme for the day should have been: “*Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling. Naked come to thee for dress...*” He should have taken responsibility and begged for mercy.

**3. Like husband, like wife, Eve also proceeded to blame someone else.**

**She blamed the Devil. The Devil was her scapegoat.**

**4. Lessons:**

**a. How well people follow their first parents today: It's always someone else's fault.** The murderer, the thief, the drunk, the pervert—all blame others for their crimes and sins. It was my poverty. It was my parents. It was my pain. It was my childhood. **Many psychiatrists encourage this in therapy.** Sociologists love to blame the parents or poverty. **But pushing the blame on others does not remove guilt. Sin is man's choice.** Yes, bad people are all around you, but you must rather die than sin!

**b. Those who do not have their guilt proved to them are unable to seek the need for help, and therefore they cannot gain the benefits of Jesus Christ.** It is shameful to excuse the guilt of the wicked and rob them of the benefits of Christ. Preach the Gospel to them.

**c. You can fool the hapless public; you can be a subtle fraud.** *You can hide your little meanness, but you can't fool God. You can advertise your virtues, you can self-achievement laud, you can load yourself with riches, but you can't fool God. You can criticize the Bible, you can be a selfish clod, you can lie, and swear, drink and gamble, but you can't fool God. You can magnify your talent, you can hear the world applaud, you can boast yourself in somebody, but you can't fool God.* Someone said.

**d. When you sin, start with what Apostle James said.** This will lead in the path of fixing your problem. **James 1:13** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.** **15** Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

**Conclusion:**

**Jesus summoned Adam and Eve** to court to show them what they had done. Jesus then **exposed their shame.** But even though they recognized their nakedness and shame apart from Christ, they did not repent immediately. Instead, they **slandered others** for their sins.

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ:

**1. Adam lost the tree of life. Christ gained it back for you.** Galatians 3: 13 *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")...*

**Praise God he raised your spiritual hand up so you can reach for him on that true tree of life.** Jesus answered the Father's summons to go and redeem man. Jesus took your blame and then he took your shame.

**2. Bring others to the Tree of Life** so their souls can be confronted with their sins, where they will be convicted of their sins, and where their souls can collect new life, be nourished in their souls, and live forever.

**3. Join with them to praise God.** This is the greatest accomplishment you can have in life—not discovering a cure for cancer, not developing the fastest computer chip. It is to praise God.

Finally, if you are not a Christian, you are still responsible for your sins – no one else. You will not thrive in your condition... Everything you are and have will come to nothing. Why not ask God to open up your spiritual eyes that you may see your hapless and helpless condition and find hope in Jesus Christ.