



The Confrontation
Genesis 3:8-13
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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 you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- **Genesis 3:12-13**

I. HIDING FROM GOD

- Can trees and shrubbery hide us from the presence of the LORD God? Can anything? (Ps. 139:7-12; Jonah 1:3).
- God asks rhetorical questions. Why? (Gen. 4:6, 9, 10; Mark 5:8; Acts 9:4).
- We can hide in God, but not from God. It is futility to try. Everything is laid bare before him (Ps. 32:7; Matt. 10:25-26; Mark 4:22; Col. 3:3; Heb. 4:12-13).

II. EYES WIDE OPEN

- What was promised to bring freedom and enlightenment, hope and autonomy, has in fact brought fear and shame. The man and woman can see, but what they see is not that for which they hoped (3:4-5, 10).
- Satan, the world, and our flesh lie to us. They hold a treat in one hand and a club in the other. Many have learned to love the lie (John 8:44, 55; Eph. 2:1-3; Rev. 12:9).
- We were not created for autonomy. We were created to be intimately connected to the one whose image we bear (Gen. 1:27; John 17).

III. THE BLAME GAME

- The order of confrontation and then judgment demonstrates the order of culpability (3:9-19).
- The man blames God, then the woman. The woman blames the serpent (3:12-13; Job 34:22-24).
- God asks no account from the serpent. None is needed.

KNOW: There is no hiding from God. We are laid bare before the eyes of our creator. This is good news for the righteous, and bad news for everyone, and everything else.

DO: Be searched and found by God.

Suggested Reading:

The Grace of Repentance by Sinclair Ferguson (LifePoint Library #234 FER)
Are People Basically Good? By R.C. Spoul (LifePoint Library #CR SPR)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 3:8-13

1. What is the background to these verse?
2. What was the first awareness for the man and woman when their eyes were opened (see verse 7). Why is that, do you think?
3. Why did they hide from God when they heard his approach?
4. In what ways do we try to hide from God? Be honest here. How many ways do we often try to hide?
5. Why does God ask the man questions rather than simply confronting his sin? Who was to blame?
6. How does this confrontation speak to you in your life? Will anything change for you?