

SERIES: The Basics of God's Word – A Study in Genesis 1-11

TITLE: The Basics of Sin

TEXT: Genesis 3:7-13, 15.

I. DIGUST: Sin Cycle of Shame/Guilt (3:7-8)

A. Sin Leads to Shame (3:7) Genesis 3:7: *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.;*

- The moment that Adam and Eve took of the fruit and sinned against God, they became ashamed of who God had created them to be.
 - Mankind -made in God's image.
 - In disobeying God, they are naked, and ashamed.
 - They try to cover their shame.
 - **A/E tried to hide their SHAME with something that could never remove their SHAME.**
- How often, do we do this same thing.
 - **We don't see Adam and Eve cry out to God in this moment of shame...but we see them trying to engineer a solution to cover their own shame.**
 - Bible – **Rom 3:23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God**
 - There is no success, no substance, no solution you can create or engineer to remove the personal shame that sin brings...
 - There is only one way that we can be set free from that shame; We must **come to the cross of JESUS.**

B. Sin Leads to Guilt (3:8) Genesis 3:8: *And they heard the voice 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 amongst the trees of the garden.*

- Why did they hide?
 - We know because they were naked and ashamed....
 - **They had Guilt over their sin.**
 - They knew they had broken God's law and the very sound of His voice revealed their guilt.
- But even though A/E knew they were GUILTY, they tried to run away from God.
 - **David: Ps 32:1**
 - **Ps 32:3-4**
 - Over and over in the Scriptures we see those who are guilty of sin, and full of shame and they have this same opportunity.
 - Turn to God in repentance,
 - Or run from God and hide.
- But they choose to hide from God...
 - To remove themselves from His voice and presence.
 - **Sin – will take us further than we ever intend to go.**
 - **1 John 1:9**
 - As with shame, there is only one way that we can be set free from guilt; We must **come to the cross of JESUS.**

II. DESTRUCTION: This morning – Destruction of Relationships (with God and One Another)

A. Sin Leads to Fear (3:9-11) **Genesis 3:9:** And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, **Where art thou?**

- God's question presses in on the heart of the matter – "Where are you?"
 - It's less about **where** they are physically hiding and more **why** are you hiding?
 - And we see that in Adam's response...
 - **Genesis 3:10:** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden (God's voice has only ever brought forth good), **and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.**
- A: I heard you, and I was afraid of a good and holy God – I feared you because of my guilt and shame.
 - This is the starting point of the Exchange
 - God is Holy and just...
 - Man is sinful and guilty
 - This sin that has led to the **destruction** of the relationship between God and man.
 - **Rom 5:12**
 - **God is calling them out of their hiding – not to condemn them...but He is taking the first step of a compassionate Father seeking to begin to restore a relationship with Him.**
 - **John 3:16-17**
 - Here is the problem, when God calls to us in our sin, in our guilt and in our shame, often times we try to keep hiding in the trees.
 - **John 3:19b-20**
 - **In love, God sets up another opportunity for A/E to humbly respond and admit their GUILT and SHAME over their sin.**

B. Sin Leads to Blame-Shifting (3:12-13) **Genesis 3:12-13:** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and **I did eat.** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled [deceived] me, and **I did eat.**

- While you might try to pass off your sin onto someone else by shifting the blame, God is not fooled and we are still left guilty before Him.
 - There is no other person that we can shift our guilt and sin unto.
 - **Ezekiel 18:20**
 - There is only one who comes to us – I will shift the blame for your sin onto me.
 - But it starts with repentance and...
 - **We must come to the cross of Jesus.**
 - **Genesis 3:15:** *And I will put enmity between thee [Satan] and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*
 - **Jesus Endured Shame to Redeem Us From Our Sin *Hebrews 12:2***
 - **Jesus Inherited Our Guilt to Redeem Us From Our Sin *2 Cor 5:21***
 - **Jesus Faced Fear of God's Wrath to Redeem From Our Sin *Ma 26:38-39***
 - **Jesus Took the Blame Our Sin to Redeem Us From It *1 Peter 2:24***