



Home Worship Guide – Genesis 3

Complement to sermon on January 27th, 2013

MEMORIZE

Genesis 3:21 “The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them”

READ

Read Genesis 3

We saw last week that Genesis 3 is both devastating and uplifting. It is devastating in that we saw the fall of humanity but also uplifting in that we saw the grace and mercy of God. This week, we are still in Genesis 3 but are going to focus on another aspect of God: persistence.

We see this in verses 8 and 9, “Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’” Man has sinned. God knows this and still chooses to come to them. Notice it was not Adam and Eve running to find God. God took the initiative in finding them. The response from Adam and Eve was to try to hide behind the trees. Trees are good for many things, but probably not the best for hiding from God. In fact scripture tells us that there is nowhere we can go to hide from God (Psalm 139).

Even though they are hiding from Him, God calls out to Adam. He persists in seeking him out. This is the kind of God that we follow. God is still seeking today. This is what Jesus is telling us in Luke 15. He tells these three parables in response to the Pharisees grumbling that “this man receives sinners and eats with them” (Luke 15:2). Each of these parables echoes the loving, persistence that God has in seeking out His people, for His glory. Praise God that He is persistent even when we are not. Even when you fall and stumble, God is seeking you to restore you back to a relationship with Him. So run to Him. Turn to Him. Trust in Him.

In His persistence, God sacrifices an animal to provide skins for Adam and Eve to use to cover their nakedness. In other words, a sacrifice to restore them in their relationship with God. God’s persistence is seen most ultimately in Jesus Christ. God Himself taking on human flesh to be the ultimate sacrifice needed and now His people are not dressed in animal skins, but in the righteousness of Christ Himself. Praise God for His persistence!

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Adam and Eve tried to hide behind a tree. What do you try to hide behind or what have you tried to hide behind?
2. Is it possible to hide from God? If not, then why do we do it? What would be a better response? What keeps you from choosing to respond in that way?
3. Read Luke 15. How can reading the parables in Luke 15 encourage us when we succumb to temptation?

Bottom Line: Our God is persistent in the pursuit of His people!

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Never Once- Matt Redman <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e02UNZRsdSQ>

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created for specific age ranges as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God's word and worship Him together.

Up to 5th grade

- Play a game of hide and seek with your kid(s)
- Let each one have a chance to be a seeker
- Explain that just as the person seeking does not give up until all are found, neither will God
- To add a twist, play that those who are found can join the seeker in looking. Explain that in the same way, we share our faith with others and make disciples. That we join God in bringing others to Him...this is the Great Commission.

Middle to High School

- Read the three parables of Luke 15: The Lost Sheep v1-7, The Lost Coin v8-10 and The Prodigal Son v 11-32
- Discuss how these parables relate to God's pursuit of Adam and Eve as described in Genesis 3
 - How do these passages relate to each other?
 - What implications do these passages have on being a disciple?
- If we believe that our God is loving and that He seeks after us, why do we run away from Him when we fall, instead of running to Him?
- Does this mean that we are free from the consequences of our sin?
 - Answer should include that no it does not but that God will be faithful and will not leave our side even during the period of consequence
- Use this time to come before God as a family, expressing your shortcomings and asking for Him to cover you with His righteousness, the righteousness of Christ.

PRAY

Father God, thank you that you are relentless in the pursuit of your people. Thank you for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has provided the way for us to be in relationship with you. Thank you Jesus, for dying on a cross to bring us into fellowship with the Father.