

Grace In The Garden

(Genesis 3:1-24)

- Introduction:
1. Many only see the anger and punishment of God in the event of the fall.
 2. However, such a view is terribly short-sighted.
 3. The event of the fall bursting with the evidence of God's grace.

I. He Came To Them

- A. (Genesis 3:8).
- B. (Isaiah 59:1-2)
- C. He had every right to stay away, but he came anyway.
- D. He still comes to us today (Luke 19:10).

II. He Called Them

- A. (Genesis 3:9-10).
- B. He didn't just come to look at their misery, but he called out to Adam in an effort to reach him.
- C. (Matthew 11:28-30).
- D. (Revelation 22:17).

III. He Confronted Them

- A. (Genesis 3:11).
- B. God wasn't seeking information, He was looking for a confession – instead He got an accusation.
- C. Confrontation is not easy, but it is necessary.
- D. God causes us to look at our lives and see what we really are (James 1:22-25).

IV. He Chastened Them

- A. (Genesis 3:12-20).
- B. God sometimes chastens us to call our attention away from the pleasure of sin.
- C. (Revelation 3:19; Hebrews 12:5-11).

V. He Covered Them

- A. (Genesis 3:21).
- B. When they lost their innocence, God covered them with the skins of an animal – their sins caused the death of an animal to provide for them a covering.
- C. Our sins have caused the death of Jesus, that we might be clothed with his righteousness (Revelation 3:5,18).

VI. He Commanded Them

- A. (Genesis 3:22-24).
- B. The command to be cast out of the garden away from the tree of life was a command of compassion and grace.
- C. Consider the implications of giving them access to the tree of life...living forever in a fallen state?
- D. God is not a cosmic killjoy. He keeps us from things for our own good.

- Conclusion:
1. God is a gracious God. He was from the beginning and continues to be today.
 2. Take advantage of His grace and do not receive it in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1).