



Hide and Seek

Genesis 3:1-15

God's perfect and innocent creation is about to be invaded by evil. *Genesis 3:1*

- The serpent is Satan: A fallen angel driven by pride who sought to rise above God.

Satan asks a calculated question with the intent of destroying innocence. *Genesis 3:1-5*

- Satan plants a seed of doubt in Eve's mind about the goodness of God.
- The father of lies seeks to distort Eve's view of the character of God. *John 8:44*

Eve's Demise: (1.) She gave Satan the time of day. (2.) She didn't stand firmly on God's Word. (3.) She entertained the possibility that God didn't have her best interests in mind.

- Deadly shift: Up until this point Eve had let God define what was "good." *3:6*

Sin's DNA hasn't changed over time: (1.) It would meet a need. (2.) It was appealing to her eyes. (3.) She would gain knowledge, possibly be more successful. *Genesis 3:6; 1 John 2:16*

- Problem: Their choice of disobedience was seeking "good" apart from God's provision.

Innocence is lost as a grotesque evil washes over everything - corrupting purity. *Gen. 3:7-8*

- Our guilt and shame drive us into unhealthy places of hiding. *3:8*

The "Good News" - Even though we choose to hide, God comes looking for us. *3:9-15*

- Jesus delivers the death blow - "*He shall bruise you on the head*" *3:15; Rev. 20:2, 7-10*

Further Study and Pondering:

1. Why do you think God allowed Satan to enter the Garden? Why was it necessary?
2. Why is Satan so driven to destroy innocence, to disrupt God's intentions?
3. Further study/Satan: (*Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Isaiah 14:12-21; Matthew 4:1-11; John 8:44; Rom. 16:20; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Ephesians 6:10-17; 1 John 4:1-6; Revelation 12:9; 20:2, 7-10*)
4. Review the "Eve's Demise" section above: Evaluate if you're giving Satan a foothold in any of these three ways. Prayerfully make necessary adjustments. Enlist some help.
5. How do you think God felt when grotesque evil raped innocence? Read: *Eph. 4:25-32*.
6. Have you retreated to an unhealthy place of hiding? God is calling - "*Where are you?*"
7. Pray that God will help you come out of hiding and help others to do the same.

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Genesis 3:9