Perspective From God

Greg Kline · Genesis 3:8–13

INTRODUCTION

- But the truth is, when it comes down to it, we go one of two ways. We choose to obey God and walk down that narrow path. Or we choose not to.
- Think about these questions, the perspective that God offers, and the weak answers that man is stuck to give.
- Certainly you can see a lesson in not taking responsibility, dodging the weight of our actions.

1 Where Are You?

Genesis 3:8–10; Colossians 1:13–14; Matthew 7:13–14

- Hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. I have to say, this is a foolish and vain attempt to hide.
- There were times that I either wished or acted as if I could hide from God. The truth of the matter is there is no place like that.
- The truth is, when it comes to the question of where am I in relation to God, I am in one of two locations.
- If you are living in sin this morning, you cannot hide from God.
- Have you grown? Are you stronger? Are you closer to God?
- When Jesus comes, I will no longer be hidden.

2 Who Told You That You Were Naked?

Genesis 3:11; Matthew 21:23–27; 1 Thessalonians 4:2–5

- God has the question in verse 11, who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten in the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?
- Eve chose to listen to the serpent. She trusted him because she wanted what was there.
- I have to understand that I am listening to somebody no matter which pathway I take.
- Will I do this based on the authority who speaks it?
- It is either from God or it is not.
- If I'm going to behave like God expects, I'm going to read his word and simply do it.

3 What Is This That You Have Done?

Genesis 3:13; Genesis 3:14–24; Colossians 1:13–14

- Then the Lord God said to the woman, What is this that you have done?
- So she knew what she was doing and violating God's will.
- But I don't think Eve necessarily counted the cost of this transgression.

- You want to know the biggest penalty? It wasn't pain, it wasn't difficulty. It was being cast from the presence of God.
- They had it all. And they gave it up. The truth is we have access to it all.
- It is a disgrace if I am not. But it's not something I can't recover from. Because God is merciful and willing to forgive.

THE CHALLENGE

But what keeps you from being a Christian?

MY NOTES