

Lost & Found

(Genesis 3:1-24)

- Introduction:
1. As we examine the actions of our ancestor, Adam, we frequently focus on his great loss and the consequences of his decision.
 2. However, failure to consider the activity of God in Adam's fall is terribly short-sighted.
 3. This historical event is overflowing with the evidence of God's grace.

I. God 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).

II. God 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).

III. God Chastised 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).

IV. God 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).

V. God 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).