

AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Genesis 3:8-13*

Title: *"The God Who Seeks!"*

Central Truth: God is a loving and gracious God who pursues us to come to Him.

I. vv. 8-10: God's Initiative

- v. 8: 1. **God comes** - In some form God manifests His presence in the garden. Scholars call this a **theophany**. The text gives us the sense that this was a usual habit for God. In response to His presence Adam and Eve reacted in a way that they had never felt led to do so before!
- v. 9: 2. **God calls** - Like a tender and gentle father, God seeks Adam out by asking him a question.
- v. 10: 3. It is important to notice that Adam does not answer the "where?" - but the "why?" He was **afraid**. This is the first mention of fear in the Bible!

II. v. 11: God's Interrogation

God confronts - He uses two more rhetorical questions on Adam. God was very gently but intentionally pushing and prodding both Adam and Eve to bring them to the point of personal confession.

III. vv. 12-13: Man's Invention (The Blame Game)

- v. 12: 1. **Adam's response** - First, Adam attempts to shift the blame on his wife. Then he also seeks to accuse or implicate God Himself!
- v. 13: 2. **Eve's response** - KJV - **beguiled, deceived** (*Hebrew - nasha*) It means to lead astray, to seduce. Eve was somewhat truthful but this did not excuse or absolve her of her responsibility or guilt before God!

Two Applications:

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