

THE HUNT

HUNTING FOR A LOST MAN

LESSON 2

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-21 (v 9) – “. . . *And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? . . .*”

MEMORY VERSE: GENESIS 3:9 – “AND THE LORD GOD CALLED UNTO ADAM, AND SAID UNTO HIM, WHERE ART THOU?”

Introduction: The Bible tells us that in the beginning God created everything in Heaven and on earth. God created: light, air, clouds, water, dry land, plant life, sun, moon, stars, fish, birds, animals, and finally created a man named Adam and his wife named Eve. God also created a beautiful garden called The Garden of Eden where He placed the man to live and care for the garden. God was very generous, and told Adam and Eve that they could “*freely eat*” of every tree in Eden except for one tree: “*The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.*” (Genesis 2:16-17) God warned them not to eat of this one tree for in the day that they ate of it, they would “*surely die.*”

Everything was wonderful upon the earth. The man was happy. The woman was happy. The animals were happy. Everything was healthy, strong, beautiful, clean, clear, fresh, tasty, juicy, lovely, luscious, and good. There was no death, no tears, no fears, no sickness, no pain, no loneliness, no hatred, no cancer, no disease, or any other bad thing. Every day “*the voice of the Lord God*” (Who is the Lord Jesus Christ), came into the Garden of Eden, and talked with Adam and Eve. (Genesis 3:8) All was perfect upon the earth!

THEN, one day something happened that changed everything in the entire universe. A message was preached that brought about all the bad things in the world today. This message was truly “*The Worst Message Ever Preached.*” **NOTICE SOME THINGS ABOUT THIS “*Worst Message Ever Preached*”:**

I. IT WAS PREACHED BY THE WORST PREACHER WHO EVER LIVED

Genesis 3:1 - “*Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made, And he said. . .*”

- A. Satan came to Eve in the form of a serpent (Genesis 3:1)
Satan did not choose to come to Eve in the form of a cow, or horse, or an elephant, or a rhinoceros. Instead, he chose a beautiful, cunning, graceful creature to deliver his false message to Eve. The serpent was originally created as a beautiful creature full of all sorts of colors. Ezekiel 28:11-16 (v 13) - “. . . *every precious stone was thy covering. . .*”
- B. Satan always uses beautiful things in the world to deceive men
Eve would never have been deceived if the devil had used something ugly and disgusting to talk to her. Even today, the devil still uses many beautiful, graceful people to deliver his false messages.

II Corinthians 11:13-15 (v 15) - “. . .his ministers also he transformed as the ministers of righteousness.” Satan himself preached **The Worst Message Ever Preached.**

II IT WAS PREACHED TO THE SMALLEST CROWD EVER GATHERED

Genesis 3:1 - “. . .And he said unto the woman. . .’

The smallest crowd that can ever be gathered is simply **one person**. Eve was alone, unprotected and near the tree from which God had forbidden her and Adam to eat. The devil was much more clever than poor Eve. Soon Eve began to doubt God’s word, and found herself disobeying God and eating of the tree from which God commanded them not to eat. I Timothy 2:14 - “*And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*”

III IT BROUGHT ABOUT THE WORST RESULTS EVER SEEN

Genesis 3:5-7 (v 7) - “. . .they knew that they were named. . .”

The quality of any message can be seen by the results it brings forth in the lives of the people who hear it. Satan’s message through the serpent was the worst message ever preached for it brought forth the worst results ever seen. The results of this message are still seen today in lives destroyed, sickness, death, fussing, fighting, wars, broken bones, tornadoes, fear, hatred and sins of all sorts. Eve gave of the forbidden fruit to Adam, and Adam disobeyed God’s command, and sinned against God. Adam and Eve’s eyes were opened and they realized that they were naked. They tried to camouflage their nakedness by hiding from God in the bushes of the Garden of Eden. When the Lord God came that day into the Garden, He had to hunt for the lost man named Adam by calling “*Where art thou?*” (Genesis 3:9)

IV IT COST GOD THE GREATEST PRICE EVER PAID

Genesis 3:14-15 (v 15) - “. . .it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

The Lord God told Satan, who was disguised in the form of the serpent, that one day the “seed” of “the woman” would “bruise” his “head.” However, the serpent would “bruise” the seed of the woman’s “heel.” (Genesis 3:15) The “seed” of “the woman” refers to Jesus Christ Who would be born of a “woman” when He was virgin born. On the cross of Calvary, Jesus was bruised as if in “his heel” while He totally defeated Satan, and bruised his “head.”

God paid the greatest price ever paid for anything when He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross of Calvary to pay the price for man’s sin.

I Peter 1:18-19 (v 19) - “. . .*but with the precious blood of Christ. . .*”

CONCLUSION: When the Lord God went hunting for Adam and called “*Where art thou,*” Adam answered His call. God is **Hunting for you** today. Will you answer His call?