

Hungry?

Sunday Morning, January 10, 2016

Introduction:

I. Where Are You?

*Read Vss 1 - 6 as a narrative
and*

Examine Expositively vss. 7 – 9

(Genesis 3: 1 – 9)

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit & ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

Vs. 7 - "eyes of them were opened"

Sin opens the door of understanding that violates our innocence before God

They hide what now shames them: "naked"

Vs. 8 - "they heard the sound of the Lord moving"

Even though they sinned God still approached them, as He does with us.

Often people recognize a stirring of God in their hearts to approach Him, but they are ashamed, afraid, or hard-hearted.

God still seeks a relationship with people even though they have sinned and try to avoid Him.

Oh How Deep is God's Unmeasurable Love For Us!

The Question: "Where Are You?"

God knew where they were. He challenges them to consider what they are doing and to respond to Him.

We need to respond to God even though we are embarrassed and ashamed of our sin.

May the Lost respond to God when He seeks them out and knocks on the door of their heart!

T.S. Adam and Eve did not believe nor trust in the Word of Truth that God gave them and consequently lost the fullness of the life that God intended for them.

II Likewise, We Lose Sight of What Brings Life! **(Deuteronomy 8: 1 – 3)**

1 “Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers.

2 And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these 40 years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.

Don't lose sight of our complete dependence on God.

Reflect on ways God has protected and delivered you from difficulties of the past.

Vs 1 -

"be careful to observe"

know and do what God's Word says.

For....

The truth shall set you free from the power of sin.

The truth will enable you to obtain what God desires to bless you with, for His glory!

Vs. 2 - God will test our obedience as He did with Adam and Eve and He will humble us.

Vs. 3- God develops physical and spiritual needs in our lives that we might hunger after Him as the Word of Life!

Real life comes from total committment to God and not to things of this world.

Real life requires:

Discipline

Sacrifice

Hard Work

For this reason many choose not to follow the true Bread of Life!

III. Hunger and Obedience for God's Word **Reveals What True Life Is**

(Matthew 4: 1 – 4)

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 And when He had fasted forty days & forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

The Devil tempts everyone, even God!

Temptation is not sin

Hunger for things we don't have often come from our trials and sufferings.

Jesus after fasting, endured physical suffering as He hungered. He chose to hold on to the Word of God during a difficult time of temptation, rather than seeking what His flesh hungered for.

Jesus knew and wanted us to realize that we do not live by what the world supplies, but that we only truly live by the Word of God. For Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." (John 6:48)

Conclusion:

Where do you stand in relationship to God's Word today?

Are You Hungry For God's Word?

It Truly Will Give You Life!