



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Genesis 3:7-15 (NAS)

Topic: "Dealing with Guilt"

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- 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 loin coverings.
- 8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man 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 the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"
- 10 He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."
- 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"
- 12 The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."
- 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- 14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life;
- 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

### **I. MAN'S WAY OF ADDRESSING GUILT**

- A. Minimize It
- B. Laugh At It
- C. Deny It *1 John 1:8*

### **II. GOD'S WAY OF DEALING WITH MAN'S GUILT**

- A. He Seeks Out Man
- B. He Promises Victory Over The Tempter
- C. He Provides For Restoration

### **III. MAN'S RESPONSE TO HIS OWN SIN**

- A. Their Eyes Were Open
- B. They Knew They Were Naked

- C. They Sought To Hide
- D. They Were Ashamed
- E. They Became Aware Of Their Conscience

### **IV. THE EFFECTS OF GUILT**

#### **A. Their Relationship With God Was Altered**

- 1. He was afraid
- 2. He hid
- 3. He made excuses

#### **B. The Sin Effected Their Human Relationships**

- 1. No longer naked and unashamed
- 2. Blame shifting
  - a. Adam explicitly blamed the woman; implied God
  - b. Eve blamed the serpent

### **V. GOD'S APPROACH TO MAN'S SIN**

- A. Where Are You? *Luke 19:10*
- B. He Is Gracious To The Sinner
- C. He Points Out The Sin Offering Reconciliation
- D. He Gave The First Promise Of Salvation

### **CONCLUSION:**

#### **How Do You Deal With Your Guilt?**

- 1. Don't try to hide
- 2. Don't blame others
- 3. Take it to God; seek His mercy
- 4. Find your covering in the blood of the Lamb