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“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, ‘Where art thou?’” (Gen. 3:9).

After Adam and Eve had disobeyed God and eaten of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, instead of becoming god-like as the Serpent has said they would, they became fearful and ashamed. They tried to hide the shame of their nakedness by sewing fig leaves together and ran and tried to hide from the LORD God when they heard His voice when He came into the garden to fellowship with them *“in the cool of the day”* (Gen. 3:6-10). The close fellowship that the first man and woman had with the Creator was broken and the curse of sin came upon the creation and death entered in. Adam and Eve suffered immediate spiritual death in that they were separated from God by their sin. At the same time, the Lord pronounced a physical death sentence on them, saying to Adam: *“for the dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return”* (Gen. 3:19). This curse has remained on all of their descendants, the totality of human race, until this very day. *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned”* (Rom. 5:12).

Of course, God knew where Adam and Eve were before He called to them asking where they were. He also knew what they had done and what the consequences would be. His intent was to confront Adam as to why he had hid from Him. Adam said to Him: *“...I was afraid, because I was naked and I hid myself”* (Gen. 3:10). The confrontation came to its climax when the Lord asked him; *“who told thee thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thou that*

thou shouldest not eat?” (Gen. 3:11). Since it was his guilty conscience that was really bothering him, Adam tried to shift the blame to the woman, and ultimately to God Himself, saying: *“The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat”* (Gen. 3:12). Regardless of his efforts to do so, Adam could not escape his personal responsibility for his sin and he, along with the woman, the Serpent, and the earth, came under the curse of sin and death (see Gen. 3:14-24).

Over the six thousand years since Adam's fall into sin, his descendants have followed in his footsteps. Adam's race has been at war with God and done everything possible to escape the responsibility for their personal sin by trying to hide from God through religion, philosophy, and a facade of good works. Some have tried to hide from God by denying that He even exists. Others claim that there is no such thing as sin and many, like Adam, say it's not their fault, BUT that somebody else caused them to sin, insisting that they are a victim instead of a being a perpetuator of evil. But, all of this is to no avail because someday every son and daughter of Adam (all of us) will be judged by a holy God who must punish sin, and *“the wages of sin is death”* (Rom. 6:23). There is no place to hide from the awful judgment to come (see Rev. 20:11-15); no place, that it, except under the blood of Jesus Christ. Thankfully, God sent His own Son who became a man, a sinless Man, to suffer on the cross in our place that through faith in Him individuals can receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life.

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“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” II Timothy 3:16



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How about you dear reader? Are you trying to keep from having a personal encounter with God by hiding behind your “fig leaf” religion of self-righteousness? Or maybe you are hiding behind some form of humanistic “fig leaf” philosophy. Regardless of what it may be, if you do not acknowledge your sin and need of forgiveness and come personally to Jesus Christ through faith to have your sins forgiven through His shed blood, you will be forever separated from God in “the Lake of Fire” Rev. 20:11-15). Just as He called out to Adam, the Lord is calling to you through the Gospel of Jesus Christ who died for your sins and lives today as the One Mediator between God and men (see I Cor. 15:3-4; I Tim. 2:5-6). If you have never done so, I hope and pray that you will come out of hiding and let Him take away the shame of your sin and set you free in Jesus Christ.

Because Christ is Alive!

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INTERESTING BIBLE FACTS

"The Shortest Reign"

The Israelite king with the shortest reign was Zimri, who ruled over the ten Northern tribes. He ruled from the city of Tirzah for only seven days before committing suicide by burning his palace down around him when Omri and his army took the city. (See I Kings 16:8-20 for the history of Zimri's short reign.)

"The Longest Reign"

The Israelite king with the longest reign was Manasseh who ruled over Judah in Jerusalem for fifty-five years. He was only twelve years old when he became king (II Kings 21:1). It is thought that he served as a co-regent with his father, Hezekiah, for at least the first few years of his reign. While his father was one of the best kings of Judah, Manasseh was the worst. Nevertheless, this wicked king of Judah turned to the Lord toward the end of his life and tried to undo some of the harm he had caused. (see II Kings 21:1-18 and II Chron. 33:1-20 for the full story of Manasseh's reign.)

"The Largest Army"

While the future Battle of Armageddon will undoubtedly involve a far larger force of men (see Rev. 16:16; 19:19), the largest army of the past found in the Bible for which a specific number is given is the one million man army of the Ethiopian king, Zerah. When he led this large army against the five hundred eighty thousand man Judean/Benjaminite army of King

Asa, the Judean king cried out to the Lord God of Israel for help. The Lord answered his prayer and struck the Ethiopian army, giving Judah a great victory over them (see I Chron. 14:8-15). There is also a future army of two hundred million horsemen that will be active during the Tribulation (Rev. 9:16).

COMMON SAYINGS FROM THE BIBLE

"Sabbatical"

This word is used to describe a leave of absence from regular work. It is often associated with taking a break from one's normal duties to work on a special project, such as a college professor taking a sabbatical from his teaching responsibilities to write a book. Or it can just mean to take time away from the regular work schedule to relax the mind and become refreshed. The word is taken from the Biblical *Sabbath*, which was a day of rest on the seventh day of each week to commemorate the creation week (Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11).

In addition to the weekly Sabbath and the various feast-day Sabbaths during each year, Israel was to observe every seventh year as a "Sabbath" or Sabbatical year. Their land was to lie fallow and not farmed for the entire year and all Hebrew slaves were to be set free. It was because of their idolatry and the fact that the nation had failed to observe the Sabbath year since at least the time of Solomon that God sent Judah into captivity in Babylon (Jer. 25:4-11; 34:8-22).

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