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God Seeks Humanity

After Adam and Eve sinned, we do not see them looking for an opportunity to talk to God. In fact, they were hiding.

Genesis 3:6 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 and 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.

Genesis 3:8 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.

"Where *are* you?"
Genesis 3:9 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

]]> God did not walk away. He insisted on finding them. He called Adam by name. Where are you?
> the voice of God must have sounded in an inviting tone of voice.
> parents when they are upset and want their children to immediately come will call them by their first and last name.

Eventually Adam & Eve came out
Genesis 3:10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

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We can see from Genesis 3:9, 10 that God took the initiative to seek His fallen children. The question "Where are you?" was rhetorical, because God knew what Adam and Eve had done and where they were. Sin, nevertheless, cut off the usual communication that existed between Him and the first human couple. **God's immediate concern was to restore communication with His children, to meet with them, and to give them hope in their despair. In fact, the Hebrew verb *qara'*, "call," in Genesis 3:9, is often used to describe God's call to establish communication with His people.**

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God's seeking Adam and Eve reveals His unconditional love for His children. God never gives up on us *(see Luke 15)*. He goes to great lengths to re-establish His communion with us, even when we go into hiding. Before Jesus' crucifixion, when Peter denied Jesus three times, Christ "turned and looked" *(Luke 22:61, NKJV)* at him. Even without words, He "spoke" to Peter and sought to reach His erring friend.

Genesis 3:11 **11** And He said, “Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”
12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”
13 And the Lord God said to the woman, “What *is* this you have done?”
The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Notice, in Genesis 3:11-13**,** how sin suddenly changed Adam’s and Eve’s relationship. Instead of confessing their individual sin, they began to blame others. Adam blamed Eve and, indirectly, God, because He gave him Eve. “ ‘The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate,’ ” he said *(Gen. 3:12, NKJV)*. Eve, meanwhile, blamed the serpent for her disobedience. “ ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate’ ” *(Gen. 3:13)* was her excuse. Neither one of them, at least when first confronted for their sin, would own up to their own guilt. How little has changed in six thousand years.

]]> God came looking for Adam and Eve, he confronted them about their sin, and then offered them hope through the sacrifice of Jesus our Savior. See Genesis 3:15

]]> Adam and Eve must respond to God’s offer

The first sacrifice — Adam & Eve accepted
Genesis 3:**21** Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Adam & Eve taught their children to offer sacrifice to God
Genesis 4:3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord.
4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering,
5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

Read Luke 15:11-32. How does this parable reflect what happened in in Genesis 3:9, 10?

The parable of the prodigal son
REF:>> Luke 15:11- 11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.
12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me*.' So he divided to them *his* livelihood.
13 And not many days after, **the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.**
14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

From high to low - sent to feed swine
Luke 15:15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and **he sent him into his fields to feed swine.**
16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*.
17 "**But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!**
18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,
Luke 15:19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." '
20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet.
23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry;
24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.
25 "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.
26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.
27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'
28 "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

29 So he answered and said to *his* father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.
30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'
31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.
32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

The reality is that sin has affected all human beings. The apostle Paul describes our condition well in Romans 7:15-24, when he detailed the pain of desiring to do what is right, only to find himself doing the opposite: "For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do" *(Rom. 7:15, NKJV)*.

Who cannot relate?

What Paul says is profound. We are all broken people who keep on doing things we know we should not do. Who hasn't experienced this reality?

Our only hope, says Paul, is deliverance "through Jesus Christ our Lord" *(Rom. 7:25)*. This is why God continues to seek us to lead us to Jesus, who alone can mold us into His image and save us from the devastation caused by sin.

Ezekiel 34:11 'For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. **12** As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. **13** And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, [b]in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. **14** I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

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Additional Notes

The price paid for our redemption, the infinite sacrifice of our heavenly Father in giving His Son to die for us, should give us exalted conceptions of what we may become through Christ. As the inspired apostle John beheld the height, the depth, the breadth of the Father's love toward the perishing race, he was filled with adoration and reverence; and, failing to find suitable language in which to express the greatness and tenderness of this love, he called upon the world to behold it. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3:1. What a value this places upon man! Through transgression the sons of man become subjects of Satan. Through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ the sons of Adam may become the sons of God. By assuming human nature, Christ elevates humanity. Fallen men are placed where, through connection with Christ, they may indeed become worthy of the name "sons of God." SC 15.1

Such love is without a parallel. Children of the heavenly King! Precious promise! Theme for the most profound meditation! The matchless love of God for a world that did not love Him! The thought has a subduing power upon the soul and brings the mind into captivity to the will of God. The more we study the divine character in the light of the cross, the more we see mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness blended with equity and justice, and the more clearly we discern innumerable evidences of a love that is infinite and a tender pity surpassing a mother's yearning sympathy for her wayward child. SC 15.2