

10-MINUTE BIBLE LESSON

The Blame Game

Genesis 3:8-13

Before watching the video: what do you believe about how the universe began? What did you learn in science classes or in a religious tradition? If you've ever heard about, been taught about, or read Genesis 3, what have you believed or assumed it says or means?

Now read the passage twice. Take your time to notice every sentence and phrase. What stands out to you?

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." – **Genesis 3:8-13**

This is the first time the man and woman feel shame and try to hide parts of themselves, whether physically or spiritually. But they eventually have to reveal all to God, who keeps looking for them anyway. What parts of your life might you be trying to conceal from God or others? Consider the toll it might be taking to keep those things hidden.

Conclude in prayer. Thank God for blessings, ask forgiveness for wrongs done, request help for uncertainty. Close with "amen."

