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### Genesis 3

#### Lesson 7 – Salvation falsely sought

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Within every individual is a longing desire to get rid of those things which inwardly condemn. People are paying high dollar psychiatrists to relieve the guilt and condemnation that is eating them up over their sin. They are trying to get someone to justify their adultery, fornications, lying, and thefts. They are striving desperately to find some way of overcoming inward condemnation, conviction, and guilt brought on by their God given conscience. Self, Satan and religion are continually leading men down the broad road to destruction. Matthew 7:13-14

In this lesson we want to see why men and women find peace in the nature of false religion.

#### I. The Blind Search

1. All men are religious but none seek God. Romans 1:18-20 *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:* God said every creature that He has made, every man, woman that God gives life to on planet earth, He has given them (v.19)... an understanding of right and wrong.

2. Verse 20 God has given every man an understanding that there is an Almighty, all powerful, God who made him. When someone ends up being an atheist they were not born that way, they were educated out of their God given belief. There is not a child alive that does not know instinctually that they have done wrong when they take cookies without asking Mom or Dad first. Why do they hide? God put within them the knowledge of right and wrong Genesis 3:8.

Romans 3:10-12 *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.* What happens once man realizes he has done the wrong? There is certainly no desire on his part to face Almighty God. Once fallen man recognizes himself as a sinner before a Holy God he instinctively begins to run fast and far away from God as he looks for some way to clean himself up and then he will seek God.

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It is not that people want to go to hell... it is not that people want to be separated from God forever, they instinctively want to get things right and then go to God because they are embarrassed to face Him in their present condition.

None of us reasoned this out before we got saved. The Bible says that there is none that understandeth. The Bible teaches those unsaved people you are dealing with out there; they are not opposed to religion, morality, doing good deeds or giving money. In fact, they will lean more strongly on those things than many Christians will because they are desperately hoping to find some remedy for their guilt so they can approach God. They are not about to come to God in their current condition.

This explains why many of you have unsaved family members and unsaved loved ones that are involved in every clean-up America, stop animal cruelty, or stop crime in our neighborhood campaigns. Most will have nothing to do with a church where the Bible is taught. Why? God's there. They do not want God until they get right.

3. The methods of men. It is interesting to notice that in Genesis 3:7-13, the first man was a perfect example of what man will do to escape sin. There are four ways a lost man has in dealing with his guilty conscience. Genesis 3:7 *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

a. He seeks to cover his own sin Job 31:33; Genesis 3:16-21.

What is the first thing Adam and Eve did? Repent? No way. Turn to the Lord and say they were sorry? No. They sewed fig leaves to hide their nakedness. There is not a one of us that has not done just exactly what Adam did right here. Remember super-gluing that lamp back together? Hoping mom and dad would not notice it? Some of you are still living that way. Job chapter 31, Job is defending his cause here. He is telling about the things that he did that were right... things that he did not do which if had he done them would have been wrong. Verse 33... *If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:* Adam could cover his nakedness with fig leaves. But he could not hide his heart from God. What is the entire nature of religion? It is to impress their fellow man with their righteousness.

b. He blames someone else; **the woman** Genesis 3:11-12

*And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman... What is the first thing people do? When they are confronted with their sin, they blame somebody else. They say things like: "It is all the hypocrites in the church or the pastor ran off with the piano player or a pastor*

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*ran off with the money or I once knew a man who claimed to be a Christian and he stole from me.”* The thinking of the world today is *It’s not my fault! It’s somebody else’s fault.*

c. He blames God; *thou gavest to be with me* Genesis 3:12

Here is the third way. Verse 12. *And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me.* He blames God. It is not just the woman. God you made that woman. God, you gave me that woman. God, it is your fault. The lost man says, *‘Why does God let babies die? “If God’s so good, why are there wars?” How come my daddy had cancer and I prayed and prayed... and he did not get well... he died...it is God’s fault”* We have been blaming God since Adam.

d. He blames the Devil; *the serpent beguiled me* Genesis 3:13.

Lastly the fourth way we blame the devil “The devil made me do it.” Verse 13. *And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.* Sadly too many people even Christians in our day take this excuse far too often. I understand that it is much easier to blame it on the devil, than to blame it on ourselves.

II. The Nature of False Religion, It is built upon Satan’s philosophy.

1. Self-exaltation Isaiah 14:12-14 The Bible is talking about the devil Satan Verse 12 *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13. For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.* This is the first characteristic of religion – Self exaltation

2. The works of one’s own hands Matthew 7:21-23. *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.* Good religious works done outside of salvation are just as much sin as smoking, drinking, cussing, and chasing women. It takes the blood of Jesus Christ God’s Son... to cleanse from all sin.

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3. Improper comparison with others Luke 18:11-14 If an unsaved man cannot hide his sin, if he cannot blame it on somebody else, the next step is religion. His religion will consist of finding something he is or something he has done that makes him a little bit better than somebody else. In jail the rapist will say, “*Yeah, but I didn’t kill her... There are guys in here that would have killed her...*” There are murders that will say, “*Yeah, but I only killed one fellow I am not like that man over there, he killed four*” It doesn’t matter how low a man gets... something inside him seeks out somebody that’s a little lower. Once he finds that person he compares himself to that individual and hangs on desperately to the hope that if God lets good people in and keeps bad people out, I’ll get in because I’m better than that guy.

Luke 18:10-14 *Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, When he prayed, he prayed to himself and he addressed himself as God. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.* One man proud; the other man stood humbled before God. James 4:6

4. Why man cannot save himself.

a. Sins - Isaiah 59:1-2 *Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God...* The problem is not on God’s end; it’s on man’s end. Praying the sinner’s prayer is important, but that comes later, you have to first get people to recognize their sin and deal with your sin... your iniquity that separated between you and your God. Repentance first, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Luke 5:32; Acts 20:21

b. Absence of submission to God - Romans 10:2-3 *For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.* Man wants to talk about the right things he has done. God said the only thing that will save you is the right things that I have done. As long you hold to your righteousness you will never get a hold of God’s righteousness.

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c. Rejection by God - Job 9:30-33 Because of a failure to submit to God, man is ultimately rejected by God. *If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; 31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me. 32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. 33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.* If you come in your own righteousness God will cast you away. Do you know what we need? We need a daysman. Someone who can stand in between. Because he is completely God, He can lay His hand on God. Because He is completely man He can lay His hand on man. Those outstretched arms of Jesus Christ at Calvary become our mediator, propitiation, advocate our daysman.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit

1. In Genesis Chapter 3, why did the man and woman run and hid from God?
2. Why are people so stressed out nowadays?
3. Why is it that most people have no desire to go to a Church where the Bible is taught?
4. Even if you could live a clean life and keep the 10 commandments, why would you still not be allowed into heaven when you die?
5. Explain conscience? Where did it come from
6. What is the first step in leading someone to Jesus Christ?
7. Define these words:
  - a. mediator
  - b. propitiation
  - c. advocate
  - d. daysman
8. When man/woman has sinned, what are the methods and/or excuses they use in an attempt to justify that sin?

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9. What do we learn from Luke 18:10-14?
10. Why do men boast more about their good deeds rather than their failures?
11. What was the purpose of this lesson?
12. How does someone end up being an atheist?
13. Do people want to go to hell?
14. What is the first characteristic of religion?
15. "*The devil made me do it,*" why is this statement a lie?

**True/false**

- Babies go to heaven when they die.
- Except for the sin you inherited by blood, all your sin is your fault.
- Self, Satan and religion are continually leading men down the broad road to destruction.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)  
Romans 3:10-12; Isaiah 59:1-2; James 4:10

Any questions?