

THE SIN OF DISOBEDIENCE

The consecutive Hebrew waw is used 9 times to outline the sequences of events as the Lord God interrogate Adam and Eve regarding the sin of disobedience.

Amidst these 9 consecutive “waws”, are four questions asked by God. These four questions become God’s interrogation of Adam and Eve regarding the sin of disobedience.

§ 1 & 2 – 3:8	They heard and hid
§ 3 & 4 – 3:9	God called and said – 1st question
§ 5 - 3:10	Man said
§ 6 - 3:11	Lord said – 2nd & 3rd questions
§ 7 - 3:12	Man said
§ 8 & 9 – 3:13	Lord said and Woman said – 4th question

We will learn from this lesson that all sin involves disobedience against God. This biblical principle will be taught from this passage throughout the Bible. David made reference about it regarding his sin associated with Bathsheba and Uriah - “Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, and done what was evil in Thy sight.” (Psa.51:4)

**We will put these into the following five homiletical points in studying
THE SIN OF DISOBEDINECE.**

3:8 – Presence of Lord

3:10 – Phobia of Lord

3:12-13 – Projection of Blame

3:9 – Place of Hiding

3:11 – Problem Addressed

1. They tried to hide their sin from the presence of Lord (3:8).

- § They kept hearing (shama / kal impf) a familiar sound. But it had a completely different effect upon Adam and Eve this time. Why? (sin)
- § They heard the familiar sound of the Lord God walking (halak / hithpael ptc) in the familiar garden. They heard the Lord walking at a familiar time of the day (bible study time). But it had a different effect upon them this time. Why? (sin)
- § They kept hiding (chaba / hithpale / imp /3ms) themselves individually and separately. They hid themselves separately thinking their absence might not be made an issue. Why? (sin)
- § They hid themselves from fellowshiping with the Lord because of the guilt of the sin of disobedience.

2. They chose a place to hide from fellowship with the Lord but the Lord sought them out (3:9).

The Lord kept on calling (qara / kal impf) because they wouldn’t answer.

The Lord kept on saying (amar / kal impf) “why are you where you are?” But why wouldn’t they answer? They are avoiding dealing with their sin of disobedience.

The Lord knew where they were hiding in the garden (omniscience and omnipresence and sovereignty).

- § They were using separate trees to hide from fellowshiping with the Lord. They are hiding from dealing with the sin of disobedience.
- § They have gone from hiding behind fig leaves to trees. The fig leaves didn’t resolve the guilt of sin. The trees won’t do any better. **The only thing that can resolve their soul of sin will be the application of the blood of Christ (1 John 1:7-9).**

3. The sin of disobedience has changed their hearts from faith to fear of God (theophobia). The familiar has now become the fearful because of sin.

The man kept saying (amar / kal impf) "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden." He kept on being afraid (yare / kal impf) of God. He stated the reason for his fear as "because I was naked." He is experiencing the results of the lost of innocence in relationship with God (3:10).

However, this is not the first time that he has been naked before God (2:25). What makes the difference this time? His sinfulness, shame, guilt, and fear are the result of the sin of disobedience.

Cosmos fear is the result of cosmos diabolicus evil thinking as a result of falling away from faith (Heb.2:14-15; 1 Tim.4:1). He is operating from CD belief system in his soul. Adam and Eve are trying to hide their sin of disobedience from God by being evasive and defensive. **They need to stop running and hiding from God and confess it to God.**

4. Their problem was addressed spiritually by the Lord (3:11). The progression of sin within the soul needs to be addressed along with confession of it.

The Lord is not satisfied with Adam's answer. Therefore the Lord ask him two more questions.

§ "Who told (nagad / hipil pf/ to inform against) you that you were naked and ashamed?" Who told Adam that he was naked and ashamed? It wasn't Satan or God. It was a guilty conscience because of the conviction of the Word of God (Heb.4: 12-13; Psa.119: 11). Nakedness had not been a problem before the sin of disobedience.

§ "Have you eaten (akal / kal pf) from the tree of which I commanded you to not eat?" They must face the reality of the cause before getting the cure. God connected the effect to the cause in the second question.

They want to be free from the guilt and shame of sin without dealing with it God's way (1 John 1:9).

5. In an attempt to avoid the consequences of their sin, they engage in projection of blame (3:12).

Adam is still hiding just a different form. First it was fig leaves, than trees, and now excuses. They are all superficial covering-up of the root cause.

Now he has become engaged in the blame game as a way to distract the Lord from dealing with the root of his problem. In psychology, we call this "defensive scapegoating" - "The man said, the woman (ha ishah / wife) whom Thou gavest (nathan / kal pf / 2:18-22) to be with me, she gave (nathan / kal pf) me from the tree, and I ate (akal / kal impf)."

Their use of scapegoating means that the Lord was getting close to the root problem because Adam is getting more defensive and argumentative and blaming or pointing the finger away from self.

He is trying to avoid facing the reality of his sin and disobeying the will of God. He is trying to justify his sin by the defense that says others are responsible, even the Lord God.

Eve kept the blame game going - "The serpent deceived (nasha / hipil pf) me, and I ate (akal / kal impf)." We refer to this is as PASSING THE BUCK. "Then the Lord said to the woman, 'what is this you have done (asah / kal pf)?" (The 4th question - Note that the Lord ask WHAT and not WHO as with Adam in 3:11).

Principle: Don't try to clean up your act of sin before your confession of it (Ps.51: 2; 1 John 1:9).