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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

17.04.16

Theme: Status of Sinners in God's Presence

Memory verse: *Job chapter thirty-one verse thirty-three: "If I covered my Transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom."*

Texts: Genesis 3:9-13, Psalm 139: 7-12.

After the shameful act of Adam and Eve, the guilty couple hid themselves from God's presence. Not only that, they were full of excuses and blamed each other. The Psalmist made it clear for us to understand that, no one can hide sin in the presence of the Almighty God (Psalm 139:7).

How unprofitable it is to attempt to hide sin; "for some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgement; and some men, they follow after" (1 Timothy 5:24). "Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished" (Proverb. 11:21). No matter how cleverly covered today, sin will be exposed and punished afterwards.

Though God in His omniscience knew of man's transgressions, He still sought for fellowship with man. The questions, "where art thou?" and "hast thou eaten?" were not uttered out of ignorance but to produce a response from man. That is God of a second chance.

God desired to reason with man but Adam and Eve were bent on giving excuse. They might have thought for a few moments that their excuses were valid and sufficient. Judgement upon Adam and Eve might have been delayed, but it was certain that it would fall upon them.

Sin makes our position or condition in the presence of God to look difficult and attract judgement. Having known this, why can't we take the simple piece of advice from Isaiah as he says by the spirit of God "Come now let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).