**“No Need To Hide”**

When we sin as children of God. We can become so shameful that we literally decide to hide from God. Because we don’t want to face him and take accountability. However, lets find out what God wants us to do when we sin. Let’s Get Into The Word!

**Scripture Reading:** **1 John 2:1-2 (NLT) says this,** “1 My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. 2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

**Call To Praise & Worship: Psalm 100:4 (NLT) says this,** “4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

**Genesis 3:7-13 (NLT),** “7 At that moment their eyes were opened, and **they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.**

Notice here what Adam & Eve experienced and did to deal with their sin. They felt severe shame and rightfully so because their eyes were open to their sin. Now that they realized something about themselves they never knew before.

8 When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. **So they hid from the Lord God among the trees.** 9 Then the Lord God called to the man**, “Where are you?”** 10 He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, **so I hid**. **I was afraid because I was naked.”** 11 “Who told you that you were naked?” the Lord God asked. **“Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?”** 12 The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.” 13 Then the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

Adam & Eve’s response to their sin before God was to hide from God. This is not the response God was looking for from them. Notice God’s question to Adam**, “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?”.** Like a loving Parent is supposed to do. We ask questions of the child in wrong doing. Hoping that the child would confess the wrong doing. Thereby taking accountability for the wrong doing. However, Adam instead blamed God for the woman that he gave him as the problem to why he decided to sin. The woman looking at Adam as to how to respond to your sin. Turned around and blamed the serpent for her decision to sin. However, no one confessed they was wrong and therefore God had to meet out punishment as opposed to forgiveness. I believe that if Adam and Eve would have confessed and repented. They would have been forgiven. Amen!

**1 John 1:9-10 (NLT) says this,** **“9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.** 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

Notice what the Apostle said. When we confess our sins then God can be faithful to us to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness through his tender mercies. However, if you hid from God because of your sin. Then you block the blessing of forgiveness & mercy because instead of confessing you hide. Amen!

**Psalm 139:1-24 (NLT) says this,** “1 O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. **2 You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I’m far away. 3 You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. 4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. 5 You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!** 7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! 8 If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. 9 If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, 10 even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. 11 I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night. 12 But even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you. 13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. 14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. 15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. 16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. 17 How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! 18 I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me! 19 O God, if only you would destroy the wicked! Get out of my life, you murderers! 20 They blaspheme you; your enemies misuse your name. 21 O Lord, shouldn’t I hate those who hate you? Shouldn’t I despise those who oppose you? 22 Yes, I hate them with total hatred, for your enemies are my enemies. 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **24 Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.**

David hit the nail on the head. “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!”. However, it is not impossible to those who want to know their God. God is a God of mercy, pity, forgiveness, grace and empathy. Therefore, when can always come to him instead of hiding from him. It is pointless, seeing there is no way we can hide from or to think and act like we can. That is simply foolish and immature of us and it is high time we grow up. Therefore, quit hiding from God and reveal your self wholeheartedly to him even when you sin.

Amen!

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