



## WALKING WITH GOD TIL THE MORNING

### LIVING WITH TEMPTATION, BLAMING CIRCUMSTANCES

*Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3: 8-9)*

In the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were created holy and blameless; they were simply sinless. But it was not impossible for them to sin. Can we say that they were unguarded or unsecured

from temptation? While being in their sinless state, they were safeguarded by the warning of God not to eat the fruit; God warned them; which means their safety was simply to obey the command given to them and avoid the place where the temptation was to be found. And they were told all the dangers and consequences that would come as a result of their free decision of disobedience.

By trying to explore and scan the nature of God's warning, Eve exposed herself to the horrible consequences of that very temptation which became her center of attraction, and admiration.

What happened next? :

- Eve's mind was now captive of the temptation
- In her lonely hours, thinking of this temptation she was no longer afraid; she taught she was now wise enough to make a reasonable decision;
- Next she was found on the ground where the temptation was;
- The temptation ground was the ground of the enemy;
- Communication with Satan became the most normal of things for her;
- Communication with Satan became so pleasant to her;

Consequently Satan gave her new life directives which now will lead and ruin her destiny. What about Adam? For fear of losing his wife, for fear of being alone once again, he chose Eve over the One who gave her to him. Because of their sin, Adam and Eve experienced desolation, concern for the future, self-condemnation, shame, accusation and blame; they had lost their peace of mind.

Beloved in Christ, life opportunities we are afraid to lose can lead us into disobedience against God's command, especially if we fail to realize God has given us the best, or that He has the power to give us what we need for our life satisfaction.

We might feel super well today, ignoring the warnings of God and enjoying the pleasures of this world. But the misery that would come as a consequence can endanger our eternal life and forever separate us from God.

In the world today, the Bible tells us that *"...men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power."* And from such people we are commanded turn away! - 2 Timothy 3: 1-4

We have quite a bit to challenge our spiritual life in these last days as children of God. But in this dark world prior to the return of our Lord, God requires us to do justice, to love mercy, and walk humbly before Him (Micah 6:8). We have the promise of eternal life; we have the promise to see Jesus-Christ our Lord and Savior face to face and live with Him.

So friends, as our journey is about to end with the appearing of our Savior, and in view of the price ahead of us, let us walk with God in the light of the loving directions He has given to us; and let us do His good will, make Him our dearest friend. In the

morning when He comes, our walk will end in an eternity of Joy with Him.

*Yours in the blessed hope.*

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