

No Peace No Harmony

I. No Harmony Creation

Genesis 3:8-10 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the cool of the day. And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

- A. In the Trinity there is total transparency. In other words, there are no secrets. The Trinitarian relationship is **intimate**. To be intimate is to know the innermost feeling, desire, and loves of the person you are acquainted with. Intimacy is to not only know but to be empathetic, to understand.
- B. Empathetic is to experience the pains, joys and triumphs of the person you are acquainted with. In other words, a man can be told of the pains of child birth but he will never experience them. However, a woman that has gone through threw child birth can intimately talk with another mother who has shared the same experience.
- C. Adam and Eve shared an intimate relationship with God. They were naked and there was no shame. When the they sinned they lost their intimate relationship with the Trinity.
- D. Eve and Adam were friends and children of God. The very life they lived was given to them by God (Gen. 2:7). In the cool of the day or in the time of the wind/breeze Dad came down to walk with His creation. God waited for the best part of the day to fellowship with Eve and Adam

GQ: Does God want to be intimate with you and if so how?

GQ: How can you be more intimate with God?

II. Fear Of God

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- A. Adam and Eve heard the voice of God in the garden and hid themselves. The word heard means to hearken to obey. Adam and his wife had listened for God to respond to Him in a positive way. However, sin had captured their hearts and they hid themselves from Him. Hid means to hide from knowledge or exposure. Eve and her husband hid in the trees of the garden as not to be exposed.

- B. They heard the voice of God hid and themselves for the first time and also was afraid for the first time. In the Trinity there is no fear because of love. 1 John 4:18 reads, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth hath not been made perfect in love.
- C. Adam and Eve lost their love for God because they feared God, and hid from God. Their very speech and demeanor betrayed them and convicted them of turning away from God.

GQ: Do you remember when you first experienced fear? How old were you? Where were you?

GQ: Can you identify with the feeling of Adam and Eve?

III. The Gentle God

Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

- A. Jesus is asking all that is burdened to come to Him and He will give them rest. His yoke is easy and His burden is light, why? Because God is meek and lowly in heart.
- B. The word meek is to be, gentle, mild. The word gentle is to be kind, and amiable. To be amiable is to be good natured, pleasant and to be agreeable, willing to accept the wishes or decisions of another. The word mild is to be soft, pleasant, and amiably gentle toward others.
- C. The word lowly means to be cast down, humble, of low estate or not rising far from the ground.

GQ: Looking at these attributes of God what do you think about God?

GQ: What would God be like in an argument?