

Devotional: No Longer Hiding From God

Christian Women's Devotion on Jesus Reconciling us to the Father

Read: Genesis 3:6-10 (NKJV)

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. (v.8).

When Adam & Eve disobeyed God and ate of the tree that was forbidden, it resulted in separation from their loving Creator. They previously walked in sweet communion with God, but now that was severed. They also walked in complete purity and innocence with each other until their eyes were opened to the realisation that they were naked. And because they felt vulnerable and ashamed to be seen, they tried to cover their nakedness from each other.

This is how we can feel as well—'emotionally'. We typically don't like being vulnerable with others—even those closest to us—so we try to cover up the parts of our innermost being that we don't want others to see. We can also be this way with God—even though He sees us and knows us in our entirety. God sees the parts of us where we feel awkward, ashamed and vulnerable, but He loves us just the same. He wants us to know that He loves us so fully and completely with an everlasting love, and when we truly know this, we have the freedom to be who we are with God—uninhibited, able to share our deepest thoughts and struggles. We find that in being vulnerable before God, our deepest healings can take place and deeper intimacy with God is realised.

It is through Christ's sacrifice on the cross that He has brought us reconciliation with the Father. We, who have accepted Jesus as Lord & Saviour, can live in sweet communion with God every day. Our relationship has been restored. We don't need to continue 'hiding' from God because Jesus paved the way for us to come openly and boldly before Him—just as we are, warts and all! He is our loving Father who will never reject us and who greatly desires an intimate and open (honest & real) relationship with us every day. From the moment we wake up in the morning to the moment we close our eyes at night to sleep, He longs to share our day, walking and talking with us.

If you don't know Jesus as your Lord & Saviour and want to have this kind of relationship with Him, you may like to pray this prayer:

Jesus, I believe that you died on the cross for my sins and that you rose again on the third day. I come before you today, surrendering myself to you and ask you to forgive me of all my sins. I ask that you come into my life and fill me with your Holy Spirit, so I can walk each day, from now on, with you. In Jesus' Name, I pray.

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And so, brothers and sisters, we are completely free to enter the Most Holy Place. We can do this without fear because of the blood sacrifice of Jesus. We enter through a new way that Jesus opened for us. It is a living way that leads through the curtain—Christ's body. And we have a great priest who rules the house of God. Sprinkled with the blood of Christ, our hearts have been made free from a guilty conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. So come near to God with a sincere heart, full of confidence because of our faith in Christ. - [Hebrews 10:19-22](#) (ERV)

Additional Scriptures: [Hebrews 4:13](#) (AMP); [Jeremiah 23:24](#) (AMP); [Hebrews 4:16](#) (AMP); [John 6:37](#) (AMP)
[Romans 5:8](#) (AMP)

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