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**Genesis chapter 3: *Adam and Eve try to hide their shame***

Adam and Eve found some big leaves and sewed them together to make aprons (skirts). They tried to hide their shame by covering their nakedness with aprons. They put on the aprons and crept away into the forest. They knew God would be coming to talk with them. He always came to the garden in the evening when it was cool (3:8).

Would He come? Would He stop loving them? No! He did not stop loving them, but He was very sad. When we disobey God's laws it hurts God, it hurts us and it hurts others.

In the evening, God came to the garden to talk with His children. Adam and Eve were hiding because they knew they had done wrong. How foolish for them to think they could hide from God! The Bible says 'No-one can hide from God. His eyes see everything we do. We must give an answer to God for what we have done' (Hebrews 4:13).

There is only one way for people who have lost their closeness with God to come back to Him. They must be sorry for their sin of wrong wrong. They must tell God they are sorry for the wrong things they have done. They must repent. They must turn away from the wrong things they do and come back to their Heavenly Father.

God wanted Adam and Eve to admit their sin and to be sorry for disobeying His command. He wanted Adam to confess his sin, so God came calling to Adam, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9)

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### **Genesis Chapter 18: *Abraham grows in faith and knowledge***

Then the Lord told Abraham more about how he must live (18:19). Have you noticed that each time God speaks to Abraham, He adds a little more information? God does not tell us everything there is to know. He tells us what we need to know. We must obey what He tells us, each step of the way through life, a little at a time. He teaches us what we need to know at the time and gives us more faith to meet that need. Later He teaches us even more things.

Abraham lived close to God. For this reason Abraham is called "the friend of God" (Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23). God said, "I have chosen him" and "I have known him". Those people who live trusting in God and who obey Him will know God's plans more than other people. Those people who live in fellowship with God understand better the meaning of life (Psalm 107:43; Hosea 14:9), and what will happen in the future. God said of Abraham, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him" (18:19).

Because of God's agreement with him, Abraham gathered his household to teach them and lead them in the worship of God who is All-Sufficient or All-Mighty (El-Shaddai). This meant Abraham taught his workers too. He is our spiritual father and example of faith in God.

**Think about this:** Will God show you greater things if you do not obey the little things?

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### **Genesis Chapter 27: *Isaac blesses Jacob***

Isaac did not see that God's covenant was with Jacob and not with Esau. However, Isaac spoke his blessing on Jacob in the words of God's covenant. The old man explained what he should have told his son years before! He spoke of "taking possession of the land where you now live"

as it had been promised to his father Abraham many years before (13:14-17).

The blessing that Isaac gave to Jacob was wide-ranging and included . . . plenty, power, blessing on his friends and curses on his enemies.

Esau was blessed too, but it was not enough to comfort him and he cried a loud and bitter cry (27:34). The New Testament writer said that Esau wanted to repent, but it was too late (Hebrews 12:17).

All who do not ASK and SEEK now, will cry later. Jesus said, "Not all those who cry 'Lord, Lord', will enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 7:21), but only those who do the will of God as it is revealed to them, will receive mercy and enter into God's blessing.

So Jacob received the blessing. Esau was "cut off" from much of the inheritance and the blessing.

The unrepentant believers of this world will say, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and in Your Name drive out demons and perform many miracles?" But Jesus will answer, "I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!" (Matthew 7:22-23).

Esau cried again for a blessing (27:38). There are many who will not have the blessing of Christ our Lord, but will choose instead the blessing of "the Church" and they seem quite content to have that alone.

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### **Genesis Chapter 47: *Pharaoh blesses Jacob and his family.***

Joseph chose five of his brothers and took them to the king. When Pharaoh asked them about their work, they told him they were shepherds (47:3). The Egyptians did not keep sheep or goats; they kept cattle. So the children of Israel would be left alone in the region of Goshen.

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "The land of Egypt is before you; let your father and brothers live in the best part of the land" (47:6). So the children of Israel (Jacob's family) went to live in the land of Goshen in the region of Rameses in the north of Egypt. In this way the Hebrews were far from the Egyptians. God wanted his people to be separate from other nations. The river pastures also provided rich food for their sheep and goats.

### **A remnant of faithful believers**

At certain times in history, God has separated a few people who had faith in Him, to continue His work on Earth. The Bible calls these true

believers 'a remnant'.

- God saved Noah and his family (a remnant of 8 persons) from the Great Flood (Genesis 7:23; 1 Peter 3:20).
- God saved Jacob and his family (a remnant of 70 persons) from a great famine (Genesis 46:27).
- God brought back a remnant of Jews from the captivity in Babylon (Jeremiah 27:22).

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