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Wednesday, July 28, 2021 - Group Study
Lesson Series: Understanding The Conscience
Lesson Series Text: (Text: *Acts 24:16*)
Lesson 3: The Conscience At Work
Lesson 3 Text: (*Gen. 3:1-13, 21-24*)
All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.
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- I. Satan is a tempter. (1-6)
 - A. Satan is subtle: crafty, clever, or cunning.
 - a. We cannot war with Satan with our intellect or emotions alone. He was a chief ranking angel in heaven. He was given certain revelations in order to accomplish God's purpose for him.
 - b. His knowledge, natural and spiritual, will far exceed any knowledge that we have.
 - c. Satan will not come to us in his true character. He will always come to us disguised as a friend or helper. (*2 Cor. 11:14*)
 - d. God doesn't tempt people to sin, that's the work of Satan. (*Jam. 1:13*)
 - B. He will constantly question God's word, in order to promote doubt in our hearts.
 - C. His target in the garden was Eve, and his tactic was aimed at her mind. Why; he needed to control her thoughts, in order to cause her to doubt God.
 - a. As long as we can keep our minds on the Word of God, Satan can't undermine our faith. (*Isa. 26:3*)
 - b. But at any time we doubt God's word, we open the door for Satan to deceive us with lies.
 - D. Adam and Eve disobeyed God.
- II. The eyes of them both were open. (7)
 - A. The innocence that they experienced previously was now gone. (*Gen. 2:25*)
 - B. They knew that they were naked.
 - a. This was the first time that their conscience convicted them of wrongdoing.
 - C. They sewed figs leaves together.
 - a. Without the Grace of God, men and women seek to cover their own sins. We will choose whatever is convenient, to quiet our consciences.
 - D. They made themselves aprons.
 - a. It is so interesting that the leaves that they sought to cover themselves with came from a fig tree.
 - b. It's interesting that Israel is compared to the fig tree. They trusted in their own works for acceptance with God.
 - c. God prepared them an acceptable sacrifice to cover their sins. (21)
- III. Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of God. (8)

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- A. When we don't repent when convicted, we will hide ourselves from God.
 - a. Our conscience will continue to convict us until we repent. (*Psa. 51:1-8*)
 - b. We will lose our joy. (*Psa. 51:12*)
 - c. Repentance brings the refreshing of the Lord. (*Acts. 3:19*)
- IV. Where art thou? (*9*)
 - A. God asked this question in order to cause Adam to think about his spiritual position with Him.
- V. I was afraid. (*10*)
 - A. Sin will cause us to fear because we are not operating in faith. The opposite of fear is faith.
 - B. Sin will cause us to hide ourselves from God.
- VI. The solution is to always have a conscience void of offense toward God and man. (*Acts. 24:16*)

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