

Sermon Summary | Sunday 2nd August 2026 | Eve

Genesis 2–3 takes us back to the beginning of the human story: to God’s good world, to the first man and woman, and to the terrible moment when trust breaks, shame begins, and human beings hide from the God who made them.

This first sermon in our August series, *Women of the Promise*, begins with Eve. Her story is not simply “the story of the first sin”. It is the story of a woman made for goodness, drawn into suspicion, covered in shame, and then sought by God.

Eve first enters a world full of goodness. She is not introduced as a temptation, a problem, or a danger. She is God’s good answer to human aloneness — made by God, brought by God, and received with delight. Genesis 2.25 describes the man and his wife as “naked and not ashamed”: fully known and not afraid; fully seen and not ashamed; safe without hiding or pretending.

But Genesis 3 shows why we do not live there now. The serpent speaks to the woman and asks, “Did God actually say...?” Sin begins not first with obvious rebellion, but with suspicion. Can God really be trusted? Is his word really good? Is he keeping something from us?

The temptation comes to Eve as something plausible. The fruit seems good, beautiful, and desirable for wisdom. Sin rarely feels like death at the point of temptation. It can feel like freedom, wisdom, beauty, and becoming more fully ourselves. Eve takes and eats, and gives to her husband, who is with her. Adam too is responsible. In them both, we see ourselves: distrusting God’s goodness, rewriting his word, and grasping for life on our own terms.

Then the serpent’s promise collapses. Their eyes are opened, but not as they hoped. The first result of sin is not freedom, but exposure. They cover themselves, and then they hide from God.

But God does not leave them hidden. He comes looking: “Where are you?” This is the question of a searching God, drawing hidden sinners into the light. God does not let Adam’s blame have the last word about Eve. He addresses her, treats her as morally responsible, and brings her into the truth.

This is the first movement of grace. We do not climb back to God from the trees. God comes. And one day, in Jesus Christ, the searching God comes nearer still. Christ is the true human who trusts the Father’s word, resists the tempter, and enters the shame we created. On the cross, he is stripped, exposed, blamed, and bears guilt that was not his own.

The God we hide from has come seeking us in Jesus Christ. So do not hide from him. Trust his goodness. Come into the light. And find in Christ the grace that covers shame, forgives sin, and begins to make broken people whole.

Questions for personal reflection

1. Where am I tempted to believe the old lie that God cannot really be trusted with my good?
2. What would it look like for me to stop hiding from God and come to him honestly, trusting the grace of Christ?