

Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

Even after failure, God seeks us.

Bible portion:

Genesis 3:1-10

Focus:

The Fall: Even after failure,
God seeks us.



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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Matthew 4-6



Have you Read your
Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

**“Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven
is at hand.”**

Matthew 4:17 (ESV)

Quote

**“You have made us for
Yourself, O Lord, and
our heart is restless
until it rests in You”**

- Augustine of Hippo

The Fall and the Promise

“Where Are You?”

Lent begins in a garden. Before the cross, before the wilderness, before the ashes placed upon our foreheads, there was a question echoing among the trees: *“Where are you?”* (Genesis 03:09). In the third chapter of the Book of Genesis, humanity's story fractures. Tempted by the serpent, Adam and Eve reach for what was never meant to be seized. The fruit itself was not the deepest issue; it was distrust. They believed the whisper that God was withholding goodness. They grasped for autonomy rather than receiving life as gift. And so the fall was not merely an act of disobedience- it was a rupture of relationship. Shame followed swiftly. Fear replaced freedom. Hiding replaced

walking with God in the cool of the day. Lent invites us to see ourselves in that garden.

The Pattern of the Fall

The fall of humanity unfolds in a pattern still familiar today:

- Distortion of God's Word – “Did God really say...?”
- Doubt of God's Goodness – “God knows... you will be like Him.”
- Desire Disordered – The fruit was “pleasing to the eye.”
- Disobedience Chosen– She took. He ate.
- Shame and Hiding – Fig leaves and distance.

This is not just ancient history. It is the anatomy of every sin. During Lent, we confront this pattern honestly. Where have we doubted God's goodness? Where have

we grasped instead of trusted? Where have we hidden?

The Mercy in the Judgment

Yet even in judgment, grace shimmers. God does not abandon Adam and Eve. He seeks them. He questions them. He clothes them. And within the curse upon the serpent lies a promise — that one day, the offspring of the woman would crush the serpent's head (Genesis 03:15). Christians have long seen here the first

whisper of the Gospel, fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Where Adam grasped at a tree, Christ would surrender Himself upon one. Where the first humans hid in shame, Christ would bear our shame publicly. Where death entered through disobedience, life would come through obedience. Lent moves us from Eden to Calvary.

Reflection Questions

Where in my life am I tempted to doubt God's goodness?

What “fruit” looks pleasing but leads me away from trust?

How might I step out of hiding and walk honestly with God this Lent?

Lent is not merely about remembering that we fell. It is about remembering that we are sought.



Prayer:

Merciful Father, In this season of repentance, Show me where I have believed the serpent's whispers. Uncover the fig leaves I have sewn from pride and fear. Call to me again, “Where are you?” And give me courage to answer honestly. Clothe me not in my own righteousness, But in the grace of Christ. Restore in me what was lost in Eden — Trust, obedience, and joy in Your presence. Amen.

-Rev. Avinash Theophilus Rangayya



Prayer Point



Pray for world peace and an end to war