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# *Bible Study Notes*

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**BIBLE STUDY: TUESDAY AT 8:30 PM**

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**Eden:** *When I think about the garden of Eden, I think about The Lords presence. A place of holiness, a place that is saturated with grace and purity. Eden is a field of repentance leading to sanctification, through the exposing of all nakedness to eradicate sin. Eden, a place of refuge but also a place of rebuke.*

Before we dive in to the bible study notes, take some time to pray and meditate before the Lord. Allow the Father to refresh you and to pour into you all that He desires you to have.

Let’s dive in!

So, we stated in Matthew 9:11-13 Read verses and as you read, take note of these three points that are within the scripture:

1. Sinners and tax collectors sat at the table with Jesus and His disciples (vs. 10)

Question to ask self: *“Why do you think sinners sat with Jesus?”*

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2. Jesus’ response to the Pharisees, upon questioning why the He sat with sinners.
  - “Those who are well have no need for a physician” (vs. 12)
  - “For I did not call the righteous but the sinners to repentance” (vs. 13)

*Think about what these verses means as well as what it means for you.*

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Take Away:



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The beautiful thing about this section of the bible is that, those who sat at the table with Jesus, looks just like you and me. They are flawed, labeled by the world, and have committed sins that deems them worthy to be stoned/ ‘hell’ worthy.

However, upon being questioned by the Pharisee, Jesus made it clear to them that He is only here for those who are, in need of Him. So, I ask you, when will you sit down at the table with Jesus? You may not feel like you are in “need” of Him but we have all sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. *Romans 3:23*. Even if you feel like there is no way for you to come into the presence of the Lord, due to your sins and trespasses, there is always a place for you at the table, in the Garden of Eden.

- The awesome news about the Garden of Eden is that, although it was where the first sin took place, it is also where redemption, salvation and the Glory of God is.

### *Hidden in Eden*

If we look back in Genesis 3:6-11, we see that vs.6. due to the perversion of the order of God, sin came in. as a result, <sup>7</sup> Adam and his wife’s eyes were opened. They saw sin. However, God being God all by Himself, knew their trespasses and His presence remained in Eden. <sup>8</sup> Though Adam and Eve was unaware of God’s presence they managed to convince themselves that hiding from God in the presence of His glory was the best place they ought to be. – they literally had no clue that when they hid amongst the trees, that they were in the presence of God’s glory. However, <sup>9</sup> They were positioned perfectly, God Felt them in His presence, but He also noticed separation So, He called out in search for them, “[Adam], Where are you?”

When you come into the presence of God whether knowingly, like the sinners and tax collectors of unknowingly, like Adam and Eve, God is going to feel the separation that was created due to your sin. However, God loves you so much that despite the separation, despite the sin, God is still going to call you out. He is calling you out of what is bounding you can causing separation.

What is keeping you from God, what is it that God is calling you from?

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Now, that you know or have an idea of what is causing a separation from God, will you answer when He calls? Or will you be full of shame to the point that you want to keep your sins and mess to yourself? You see in vs. 10. Adam responded to God and told Him what his sin was. (\*\*Confess your sins\*\*) <sup>11</sup>. God assured Adam, that he was already perfect, and that He should not have fallen into the temptation, as He initially instructed him.

I want to encourage you to confess your sins to Christ. Let God know where you have fallen. Although your sin has caused a separation, He is literally calling you out of it. He desires to have an intimate relationship with Him, but you must come as He calls.

Tips when entering the Garden of Eden (a place of refuge and salvation)

1. Go to the garden – get up and walk!
  - In order to receive refuge and salvation you must go into the presence of God  
This could be...
    - a. Church
    - b. Fellowship
    - c. Reading His Word aka The Bible
2. Keep walking and confess your sins
  - When we enter into the garden of eden, it exposes who we are. This is normal, when you are in the presence of the Lord any and everything that is not of Him must be exposed to that it He can take care of it. but keep walking
    - a. We must keep waling. The pressure may get too hot, or it may seem as if there is a lot of stuff that He is dealing with us about but we must continue to walk and confess our sins.
3. Walk through the fire
  - This goes hand and hand with #2. When the pressure gets hot. Continue to walk!
  - So often we tend to run away and things get to hot, or when we start to see things that we don't like.
    - a. This is pruning you
    - b. God is dealing with you, He wants you to be freed from whatever is causing a separation.
4. Get refined by the fire
  - When we walk through the fire, we are getting refined but you must walk through it.



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- There is no other way to get refined and become all that God has for you unless you are refined.
- 5. Sit at the table & continue in fellowship
  - Despite embarrassment or the pressure, sit at the table with Jesus
  - The only way we can thoroughly get through the fire, and walk into our salvation is if we take a seat and sit with the Savior, Jesus
    - a. Praying, fasting
    - b. Going to church
    - c. Get connected with other likeminded believers
    - d. Developing your intimate relationship with God
    - e. Get to know the Father!
- 6. Continue the Gospel
  - When you have gone through the fire, God will place others within your parameters whom you are strengthen and help as they embark on their journey with God. Think about the very first person who reached out to you and who is helping you with your walk. We as believers must do the same thing. This is called. Continuing the gospel.