

## FOUR QUESTIONS FROM GOD

**Genesis 3:1-13; 4:8-9 1 Kings 19:13**

**Introduction:** No doubt God has more than four questions He would like to ask us even though He already knows the answers but somehow asking questions causes people to think even if they don't know the answer. We are always asking questions and answering questions just about every day. However when God asks a question, it's not like just anybody asking. Here are four people that God asked a question.

### I. WHERE ART THOU? (*Genesis 3:1-10*)

1. Where are YOU in the sight of God? That is the question God put to Adam and the same is being put to you. So, where are you in the sight of God?
  - It should have been Adam seeking God. It should have been Adam running around the garden calling out "My God, my God, where are you? I have sinned, where are you?"
2. Then as it is now, God was the seeking One.
  - Nobody from that time until this moment has ever thought of seeking God first. God has always been the one to start searching, looking.
  - ***"The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost..."***
  - ***"Adam, where art thou?"*** For over 6,000 years at least, God has been calling out "Where art thou?"
3. In ***Luke 15*** Jesus speaks some parables that teach that God is the seeking one:
  - It was not the sheep that was seeking the shepherd. It was the shepherd going out into the desert to find that lost sheep.
  - It was not the piece of silver seeking the woman. It was the woman seeking the lost piece of silver.
  - His parables teach that it is GOD who starts the seeking, "Where art thou?"
4. Most of us are like Adam in that we, too, are hiding, just as Adam and Eve hid in the bushes of the Garden of Eden.
  - There was once a time when Adam and Eve thrilled to hear the voice of God and were happy when God came to visit them. They lived in a sweet fellowship with one another.
  - We, like Adam, have also turned away from God and have become betrayers. We have betrayed the very one who wants to bless us.

### II. WHAT HAST THOU DONE? (*Genesis 3:1-13*)

1. ***"What is this that thou has done?"*** What had Eve done? She had disobeyed God, she had caused the fountain of life to become the fountain of death.
  - Eve had introduced SIN into this world.
  - God let her live long enough to see what she had done.
    - Her first child was born to become a murderer.
    - Remember, SIN leaped full-grown into this world.

- If Eve lived as long as Adam did, she lived almost a thousand years and had a chance to see the untold troubles and misery that had been introduced into this world because of her act of SIN.
2. Eve turned away from God but God still gave her a promise of light. God said that He would put enmity between her seed and the serpent. It would bruise the heel of her child, but her child would bruise the head of the serpent.
  3. God gave Eve a ray of hope as does He give us today. Jesus Christ is the seed of Eve that bruised the head of the serpent.
    - If Gabriel should come to earth in all the glory of heaven, the people of this earth would try to get rid of him inside of a week.
    - Enmity between Satan and man still exists.
    - The ungodly do not like the Godly.
    - The impure do not like the pure.
  4. Christian, "What hast thou done?" Have you failed God? Have you turned your back on Him?
  5. Unbeliever, lost one, "What hast thou done?" Have you still not accepted the Word of God? Have you still not repented and given your life to God's Son, Jesus? You are doomed to Spend eternity with the very Serpent that deceived Eve and brought sin into this world.

### III. WHERE IS THY BROTHER? (*Genesis 4:8-9*)

1. God asked Cain the question, "*Where is thy brother?*" knowing very well that Cain had killed his brother. If God asked YOU that question would your answer be the same as Cain's? "*Am I my brother's keeper?*"
  - I have nothing to do with my brother, I am not responsible for him. I mind my own business so let everybody else mind theirs.
  - Is not this the attitude of people today?
2. The story is told of a man who lived in a very cold area and in winter time the lake he lived by always froze over. This winter an ice skater fell in but this man ignored the cries for help. He said it was none of his business, the ice skater should have been more careful and not been on the ice to begin with. The skater drowned. Later this man admitted hearing the cries for help but refused to get involved. The towns' people ran this man out of town.
3. What is so different from the story of this man ignoring the cries of a drowning man and Christians who refuse to help a lost sinner friend?
  - Have YOU ever tried to bring some one to Jesus?
  - May God have pity on the Christian who has NEVER even tried to win someone to Jesus.
  - Wouldn't you like the joy of at least trying to bring someone to the Lord?
4. How many parents have told a grown child of theirs to leave home and not come back because of the behavior and attitude of that grown child? Yet those parents had never tried to tell that child of theirs about Jesus.

5. Are you a stumbling block to someone? They know that you SAY you are a Christian but you have never spoken to any one about their need of Jesus. Why won't you let God use you to bring someone to Him?

#### **IV. WHAT DOEST THOU HERE? (1 Kings 19:9-13)**

1. Elijah was out of fellowship with God. This same Elijah who once was bold was now a coward.
  - He had been so successful up to this hour but had taken his eyes off God and had fled into the hills and hid himself in a cave.
2. Like Elijah, many of us have become discouraged and disheartened. We didn't have the success we expected. We took our eyes off the Lord and have fled to our "cave" like Elijah. We didn't want to do any more "Christian" work.
3. "What doest thou here?"
  - WHAT are you doing here?
  - WHAT are you doing
  - WHAT are you doing for Christ?
  - WHAT are you doing away from God?
4. "What doest thou here?"
  - What ARE you doing here?
  - What ARE you doing?
  - What ARE you doing for Christ?
5. "What doest thou here?"
  - What are YOU doing here?
  - What are YOU doing?
  - What are YOU doing for Christ?
6. "What doest thou here?"
  - What are you here, away from your Christian duties? Away from God and into sin?  
What are you doing?
7. Many Christians miss wonderful opportunities. IF God calls, do not stop to discuss whether it is needed or not, leave that to Him. IF God calls you, answer, "Here am I, send me."

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. So, "What doest thou here?" Are you out of fellowship with God? Has sin separated you?
  - If so, ask God to forgive you, get right with God, let Him use you His way.
2. Unbeliever, lost one, give yourself to Jesus today. What are you doing in this lost world, on your way to hell this very moment. What are you doing here?