

QUESTIONS GOD ASKS

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I love to reflect on the questions GOD asks, and how I would be able to answer them.

The first question God asks is, "Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?" " In Genesis 3:9 HE asks this of Adam in the Garden of Eden after they had eaten the forbidden fruit and were attempting to hide from HIM. God knew where they were. HE knew their physical location, but HE wanted them to consider where they were spiritually.

God knows the answer to every question HE poses, so why does HE ask them? So that we will consider our spiritual place with HIM and discover the real answer ourselves and grow closer to HIM.

Other questions GOD asked:

"And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" " Genesis 3:11

"And the Lord God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." " Genesis 3: 13

"Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?" Genesis 4: 6

"Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where *is* Abel your brother?" " Genesis 4: 9

"And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground."
Exodus 14: 10

"So the Lord said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? " Joshua 7: 1-15

"And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" " 1 Kings 19: 9

"To whom then will you liken Me, Or *to whom* shall I be equal?" says the Holy One." Isaiah 40: 25

God asks, Why do you complain, Jacob? "Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the Lord, And my just claim is passed over by my God?" Isaiah 40: 27

"And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" " GOD asks in Ezekiel 37: 3

"Then the Lord said, "*Is it* right for you to be angry?" " Jonah 4: 1-11

"Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, "*Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your panelled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?*" " Haggai 1: 3

The book of Job is full of questions GOD asks:

"Who *is* this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge?" Job 38: 2

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding."

Job 38: 4

"Have you commanded the morning since your days *began*, And caused the dawn to know its place, That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, And the wicked be shaken out of it? " Job 38: 12 & 13

"Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death? "

Job 38: 17

"Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, Or loose the belt of Orion?" Job 38: 31

Jesus asks:

"He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Mark 8: 29a

"Do *you* suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division?" " Luke 12: 51

"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16: 26

"whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." James 4:14

"So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God."

Mark 10: 18a

"And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" " Mark 5:30

My favourite question that GOD, through the Apostle Paul, asks:

"how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*," Hebrews 2:3