

The three Questions God will ask you

Have you ever wondered what questions God would ask you if He chose to? How would He challenge you right now? I have found three questions He is very likely to ask - from the book of Genesis.

1. **“Where are you?”** This is directly related to our relationship with God. *“But the Lord God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’” (Genesis 3:9)*

This section (verses 9-13) begins to relate the effects of the “Fall.” We now see the God who was creator and benefactor in chapters 1 and 2 as judge. Note that God took the initiative in seeking out the sinners to re-establish a relationship with them. Evidence of God's love is His unwillingness to abandon those He loved, even when they have failed to do His will. God's approach was tender as well as gracious (verses 9, 11, 13).

This passage records several effects of the “Fall” on Adam and Eve.

1. They felt guilt and shame (verse 7).
2. They tried to change these conditions by their own efforts (verse 7).
3. They fled from God's presence out of fear of Him (verses 8, 10).
4. They tried to blame their sin on another rather than confessing personal responsibility (verses 12, 13).

The fact that Adam viewed God's good gift to him, Eve, as the source of his trouble shows how far he had fallen (verse 12). He virtually accused God of causing him to fall by giving him what he now regarded as a bad gift. The truth of the matter is, Adam was absent - he had absconded. He was not in the right place anymore. He had left his relationship with God and made a run for it! Previously he had enjoyed an intimate relationship with God but now he had distanced himself.

Notice, because Adam was away from God, he feared. Fear comes when you're out of range - not where you should be. You may be busy with many things but do not be so busy that you forget your main priority. It is said that we may be busy serving in the kingdom but not busy with the King.

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.” (Mark 1:35)

Here we find the Lord's secret of success:

1. Very early.... still Dark – Determination
2. Got up – Discipline
3. Left the house – Discomfort
4. Went to a solitary place – Detachment
5. Where he prayed – Devotion

If God was to appear right now and ask you a question, would it be, "Where are you?" If so, you need to come back to your first love! You need to re-establish your relationship with Him. Remember this, if you are not in the right place you will never receive what God has for you! God desires to bless you abundantly, but He has no access when you have moved away (whether consciously or not). Yes, He knows exactly where you are, however, He wants you to make up your mind to come back to Him. Fear is a good indication of where you are right now. The second question God is likely to ask is:

2. **"Where is your Brother?"** The first question concerned you personally, and your relationship with God. This concerns your relationship with those around you. *"Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?'"* (**Genesis 4:9**)

You may ask yourself, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Yes, you are! Listen to what the Bible says:

- a. Restore your brother. *"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted."* (**Galatians 6:1**) *"Remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins."* (**James 5:20**)
- b. Live together in unity. *"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity.... For there the Lord commanded the blessing!"* (**Psalms 133:1,3**) Commanded blessings will come every time you bring unity!

The third question God is likely to ask is:

3. **"Where is your wife?"** This has to do with your relationship with your family. *"Where's your wife Sarah?"* (**Genesis 18:9**)

- a. Adam spoke of oneness and unity. Your spouse has a big part in the fulfilment of your calling. *"The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh'."* (**Genesis 2:23**) If you are married you have become one flesh. That means that all you do in the physical realm must be done in unity and togetherness.
- b. Husbands be peaceable, considerate and always respect your wife. *"Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honour to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."* (**1 Peter 3:7**) The husband's assignment is to live with his wife in peace, knowing her needs, recognising her strengths and weaknesses, and treating her with "honour" (a term used to describe the value of a precious stone). Therefore, she is to be treasured, reassured, protected, and loved, with every tender provision being made for her. If the husband fails in this mandate, he may find his prayers "hindered." The Greek word also means, "cut off."
- c. Wives be respectful, responsive and unassertive. *"For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Saviour of His body, the church. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in*

everything.” (Ephesians 5:22-24) A woman should not assert herself over her husband. She must respect him and be responsive toward his love. He is commanded to love (agape) and you are expected to respond to that love (phileo).

- d. Parents treat your children right and don't abuse them. *"And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord."* (Ephesians 6:4) Parents, your duty is to not exasperate your children by the way you treat them. You are to give them praise and exercise grace whenever possible. In 2 Corinthians 12:14 the apostle Paul makes a very candid statement, *"After all, children don't provide for their parents. Rather, parents provide for their children."* We are not to expect our children to provide for us, but rather that we should provide for them in everything!

- e. Children value and respect your parents. And the Bible tells you to obey them also! *Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honour your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honour your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."* (Ephesians 6:1-3) Children do what is right in God's eyes - obey, respect and honour your parents. That means placing great value on them and the role they have in your lives. And remember, God is watching your conduct so that He may bless you with long life.

So there we have it! The three questions God would ask you:

- (1) Where are you? How is your relationship with God?
- (2) Where is your brother? How are you treating the people that God has placed around you?
- (3) Where is your wife? How are you treating your immediate family?

All of us need to have an answer to each of these questions.