
GOD IS ASKING... WHERE ARE YOU?

GENESIS 3:8-13

WHERE ARE YOU?

Satan asked the first question (“*Has God said...?*”), challenging their thinking about God’s command.

After they had sinned, “*the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord*”

(Genesis 3:8; cf., Job 31:33; Isaiah 29:15)

WHERE ARE YOU?

God then asked, “*Where are you?*”

(In what sense?)

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Why does God ask that?

He wants us to **think & consider** and “*come to ourselves*”. (Luke 15:17)

Not just “**where**” but “**why**” are you where you’re at & how did you get there? **Where are you headed?** (Matthew 7:13-14)

WHERE ARE YOU? OTHER BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

- **Lot** - “hesitated” - remained in Sodom after warned to flee. (Gen. 19:15-16)
- **Esau** - at his dying father’s bedside pleading for a blessing? (Genesis 25:34; 27:36-38)
- **Balaam** - went w/ Balak even though God told him not to. (Numbers 22:22-35; 2 Pet. 2:15)
- **The seven tribes who had not received their inheritance** - (Josh. 18:1-3; cf., Ex. 23:30).
- **Reuben, Gilead, & Dan** at home rather than fighting (Judges 5:15-18; vs. 9, 18)

WHERE ARE YOU? OTHER BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

- Israelite army - cowering in fear. (1 Samuel 17:3, vs. 40)
- David - gazing on a beautiful woman. (2 Sam. 11; Romans 13:13-14)
- Jonah - in boat fleeing his duty. (Jonah 1:5, 17)
- Elijah - hiding in a cave. (1 Kings 19:9)
- Peter - distancing himself from the Lord – (Luke 22:54; Gal. 2:12)
- Martha - Neglecting the opportunity to learn. (Luke 10:39-40)
- Demas - forsaken Paul and the Lord – (2 Timothy 4:10)

WHERE ARE YOU? POSITIVE BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

- Noah. (Hebrews 11:7)
- Abraham. (Hebrews 11:8-10)
- Joseph – (Genesis 41:41)
- Moses. (Hebrews 11:24-26)
- Rahab. (Joshua 2:18-19)
- Esther. (Esther 5:1-2)
- Nehemiah. (Neh. 2:11-16)
- Daniel. (Daniel 6:10)

WHERE ARE YOU?

In our thinking:

Have our thoughts taken us away from Him?

- **Begin to think that God doesn't see?**

(Isaiah 29:15-16; Psalms 94:7-12)

- **Not seeking Him or His will?**

(Psalms 53:1-3; cf., Colossians 3:1-2)

WHERE ARE YOU IN TERMS OF WHERE WE USED TO BE & WHERE WE SHOULD BE?

Maybe we haven't **"fled"** from the presence of the Lord like Jonah, **but are we as close as we use to be?** A year ago? Ten years ago? Etc...

Are we purposefully drawing near to God? (James 4:7-8)

Have we drifted due to negligence? (Hebrews 2:1-3)

WHERE ARE YOU... ARE YOU LOST?

Needing direction? *“Sheep without a shepherd”* (Mark 6:34; Luke 15)

Ever remember being separated from your parents?
(It should be terrifying! Hebrews 10:31; 1 Peter 2:24)

■ Psalms 119:176 – *“I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant...”* (Luke 19:10)

Do we wish to be found? Do we want reconciliation?
(Hebrews 7:25; Luke 15:17-19; 2 Corinthians 5:20-21)

WHERE ARE YOU IN TERMS OF GROWTH & MATURITY?

- **Someone who needs guiding?** (Acts 8:31)
- **One who needs nurturing or someone who should be mature?** (Hebrews 5:12-6:1)
- **Becoming more or less spiritually minded?** (1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Romans 8:5-8)
- **Becoming distracted or “encumbered”?** (Hebrews 12:1; 1 Corinthians 7:35)
- **Become stagnant and indifferent?** (Zephaniah 1:12)
- **Lazy, inactive & lacking diligence?** (Matthew 25:26; Romans 12:11)

WHERE ARE WE AS A “SOCIETY” & NATION?

What is truly the “state of the union”? On what basis?

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace...” .
(Proverbs 14:34) Which direction are we headed?

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil. (Isaiah 5:20)

What is the effect on us? (Matthew 24:12; Romans 12:2; Revelation 2:4-5; Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12:3)

WHERE ARE WE AS A CHURCH?

Are we focused on the carnal or the spiritual?

Are we united in the word of God? (Jude 3, Philippians 1:27)

Are we a light in our community? (Acts 19:10; 1 Thess. 1:6-8)

Is everyone doing their part? (Ephesians 4:12-16;
Romans 12:3ff; 1 Corinthians 15:58)

Is there more we can do together? (1 Thessalonians 4:1, 8;
Romans 12:9-13)

WHERE ARE YOU... ARE YOU LOST?

- Are you where you **want** to be?
- Are you where you **ought** to be?
- Are you where you **need** to be?
- Are you “**in Christ**”? (Galatians 3:26-27)