

Where Art Thou?

Ezekiel 34:11

For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even* I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

Adam where art thou? This is the first question God asks in the Bible. God asks the question already knowing the answer. Gods question was for the benefit of Adam to make him aware of his state and condition. It is both an individual and universal question. Dear friend Where art thou?

Genesis 3:8-9 8And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

An Awareness Question

The question God asks of Adam individually and to all of mankind universally is a four-fold question. It is a question of realization and self-awareness. It causes us to deal with who we are and what is our condition? God already knows but His question is to get us to awaken to our condition of sin apart from His salvation. It causes us to either believe or disbelieve; to accept or reject, and to realize our condition as sinners unprotected without the salvation of the LORD Jesus Christ. The question awakens us to sin and the state of our fellowship with God.

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

The question awakens us to the reality that through sin we are separated from God and unprotected without His salvation. Adam realized that he was naked and he was afraid and in the blindness of sin he thought he could hide from God; but the question not only awakened him to his sin but also that nothing is hid from God.

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Luke 8:17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither *any thing* hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Hebrews 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Dear friend what is your condition are you lost, back sliding, are you in Gods will, are you serving? You can't hide from God any more than Adam could; Where art thou?

A Convicting Question

The question also brings about a conviction upon the heart. It begs us to acknowledge our sin and seek redemption through the LORD Jesus Christ or to attempt to hide from it as Adam did. We have to answer to our condition and realize that a choice has to be made; to live in sin and be judged and die in it; or to accept Jesus as savior and live in eternal communion with Him. It is a question that cannot be ignored and has eternal ramifications. Dear friend, Where Art Thou?

Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Deuteronomy 30:14-15 14But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. 15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

An Eternal Question

It is also a question of eternity. Where will you spend your eternity and will thy name be written or blotted out?

Revelation 20:12-15 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Dear friend I ask will your name be written in the book of life? There will be no hiding from judgment; the only protection from it is through the shed blood of the LORD Jesus Christ. What do you believe and trust in; God or this fallen world. Your life is writing a story, will it be in the Book of Life? Where Art Thou?

A Seeking Question.

The first question God asks in the Old Testament is a seeking question. Where art thou? God seeks after His creation. It is God who seeks out the sinner for we are told none seek Him.

Romans 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Did Adam seek God after his sin? No Adam when and hid himself and it was God that went seeking after Adam and asked the question that caused Adam to realize the reality of his condition. He realized that his broken fellowship with God caused him fear and shame. So he hid among the trees. It was and is God who seeks to restore the broken relationship with the sinner. God seeks to save; Where Art Thou?

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Today the LORD seeks after His children and like Adam many hide from the LORD, not in the trees of the garden; but they hide from Him never the less in their willful ignorance, vanity, pride, and unbelief. But God seeks after them still. Are you dear friend hiding from God? Where Art Thou?

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

God (Jesus) came to seek universally and individually the sinner. Beloved you matter to God and he is seeking those that are lost; each individual matters to God and the question Where Art Thou is an individual question as well as universal.

Luke 15:4-7 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. 7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Where Art Thou my friend? Jesus knows **Luke 12:7** But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. Question is do you know?

Dear friends it was at the age of about 12, that John Gill heard a sermon from his pastor, William Wallis, on the text,

"And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?" (Genesis 3:9.) The message stayed with Gill and eventually led to his conversion. Gill would go on to become pastor of the church where Spurgeon later preached. Dr. Gill wrote a commentary on the whole Bible, which is still in print. It was a question that strikes at the heart of mankind. It is a question that converts and convicts according to how you answer it. It is a question that everyone must answer and it is foolishness and folly to think that you will past through this life and not answer this question. Even your so called non-answer is an answer. Remember God keeps all His promises and the devil keeps none of his. How do you answer God when he calls? WHERE ART THOU.

JESUS SAVES-To God be the Glory

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