

“Whence Comest Thou?”

Introduction. In Job 1:7, there is an interesting question asked by the Lord. It reads, *“And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.”* The question, “Whence comest thou?” is very interesting to consider. There are a few instances in the Bible where this question has a very bad answer.

I. **David, Whence Comest Thou?**

- A. In 2 Samuel 11:4, David came from his sin with Bathsheba. He saw her in a place where he should not have been, and was tempted to commit adultery with her.
- B. Perhaps we are in places where we should not be and are looking at things we should not. Because of this, we fall prey to sin and the devil. Will we remove ourselves from these places?
- C. God wants us to be holy (1 Thessalonians 4:7; 1 Peter 1:16). We must watch ourselves for the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak (Matthew 26:41). Look for the way to escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).

II. **Peter, Whence Comest Thou?**

- A. In Matthew 26:69-75, Peter came from denying the Lord. The Lord had forewarned Peter that he would deny His Lord (Luke 22:31-34).
- B. Confession must be made in order for us to be saved (Romans 10:9-10). Jesus stated that He would confess us before God if we confessed Him (Matthew 10:32-33).
- C. Confession is more than just saying words; it is a commitment to follow Him wherever He goes. Peter’s denial of the Lord came quickly. Ours could be the same. There must be strength and steadfastness (Colossians 2:5; 2 Peter 3:17).

III. **Martha, Whence Comest Thou?**

- A. In Luke 10:41-42, Martha came from being too troubled and distracted to listen to the Lord.
- B. This reminds one of the parable of the sower, where Jesus said in Luke 8:14 that some seed falls among the thorns and are choked by the cares and pleasures of life. They bring no fruit to perfection.
- C. Jesus demands that all our focus be toward Him and His kingdom (Matthew 6:33). There is the promise of care if we do this.

IV. **Demas, Whence Comest Thou?**

- A. In 2 Timothy 4:10, Demas came from forsaking Paul. “Forsake” means “to abandon or to leave helpless.”

- B. The love of “this present world” seeps into Christians and destroys their fortitude against sin.
- C. James says that friendship with the world is enmity with God (4:4). He likens it to spiritual adultery. Have you loved the world too much?

Conclusion. So whence comest thou? If you come from sin, then resolve to repent and ask for forgiveness (1 John 1:8-2:1). Not everyone discussed in this article turned from their sins and distractions, but most did. Christians should do their best to pull some from the fire (Jude 23).

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