

# God's Questions To Adam And Eve

**Introduction.** We can learn a lot from the account of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3. They were the parents of the human race. They were our beginning. They sinned and from that time the plan of redemption was put into motion.

At first, man was in a beautiful paradise and had close communion with God. However, all of that was lost and can only be regained through Christ. We want to look at the very thought-provoking questions God asked Adam and Eve after they sinned.

## ***I. "Where Are You?"***

- A. God knew where Adam was, but He wanted Adam to take an inward look at himself (Genesis 3:9). Where are you, Adam? His truthful answer should have been, "I am over here hiding because I have sinned."
- B. We can think of the question, "Where are you?" in terms of our own situation.
  - 1. Where are you in your relationship with God?
    - a) Are you a Christian? If not, you need to become one. You need to be "in Christ," and a member of the body of Christ (Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17).
    - b) Where do you stand in your obedience to God? Are you truthfully doing His will on a daily basis? Have you truly denied yourself so you can live a life of faithful, diligent service?
  - 2. Sometimes people say, "I'm not sure where I stand in relation to God."
    - a) We can know where we stand by knowing the Bible (1 John 5:13). Be diligent to present yourself approved (2 Timothy 2:15; Romans 8:16; 2 Peter 1:10).
    - b) All of us need to understand the essentials of fearing God and keeping His commandments (Proverbs 3:7; Revelation 14:12).

## ***II. "Who Told You That You Were Naked?"***

- A. Adam answered in vs. 10, and God replied with a very relevant question in vs. 11.
  - 1. Adam and Eve were naked all the time they were in the garden and were not ashamed (Genesis 2:25).
  - 2. They, as such, were in an innocent state, but now they had eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They had sinned and their innocent state had been lost.
- B. Let's look at the first part of God's question, "Who told you that ..."
  - 1. "One can be saved by faith only." Who told you that (James 2:24)?

2. "Baptism is not essential to salvation." Who told you that (Mark 16:16)?
  3. "Hell is not real." Who told you that (Matthew 25:46)?
  4. "A preacher ought to be called 'Reverend.'" Who told you that (Psalm 111:9)?
  5. "You do not need to observe the Lord's Supper every Sunday." Who told you that (Acts 20:7)?
  6. "You do not need to come to worship." Who told you that (Hebrews 10:25)?
- C. It is wise for everyone to think about the source of their information, for much of the information Adam and Eve received came from Satan (2 Corinthians 2:11; 11:13-14).

### ***III. "Have You Eaten From The Tree?"***

- A. God knew that Adam had eaten, but He wanted him to admit his sin (Genesis 3:11).
- B. Getting people to see their sins is very difficult because people can see the sins of others, but not their own.
  1. Be objective in examining yourself (Ezekiel 18:27-28; 2 Corinthians 13:5).
  2. We should never be so bold as to think we do not live above sin (1 John 1:8-2:2).
- C. Adam tried to blame his sin on Eve, and Eve tried to blame Satan (Genesis 3:12).
  1. This is human nature. We do not like to admit we are guilty of sin.
  2. If we have done something wrong, we try to prove that others caused us to do it.
- D. Godly sorrow is necessary; otherwise, we will never be forgiven (2 Corinthians 7:10).
  1. We must walk humbly before God with a broken and contrite spirit (Psalm 32:5; 34:17-18; 51:1-2, 17; Isaiah 66:2; Luke 18:9-14; Acts 3:19).
  2. There will be many in the judgment who will be lost because they committed sins of which they never repented (Luke 13:3, 5).

### ***IV. "What Is This You Have Done?"***

- A. This fourth and last question was addressed to Eve and, again, God is trying to get her to see the seriousness of her sin (Genesis 3:13).
  1. No doubt she would like to think that she had only eaten a "little fruit" off a tree. "Surely, there is nothing wrong with that!"
  2. Many people have the same attitude toward their sin: "It is not all that bad!" Social drinking, gambling, dancing, and white lies are all symptoms of this rationalization.

- B. What have you done, Eve?
1. You did what God told you not to do (1 John 3:4).
  2. You lost your beautiful home in the garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8-15).
  3. You brought sin into the world and all of its consequences (Romans 5:12).
- C. How many through the ages have asked, "What have I done?"
1. A drunk driver, having killed someone in an accident, will say, "What have I done?"
  2. A married man, having cheated on his wife, will bitterly cry, "What have I done?"
  3. A young person, having become addicted to alcohol, will say, "What have I done?"
  4. A father, having abusively hospitalized a wife or child, cries, "What have I done?"
- D. Sometimes the answer to the question, "What have I done?" is "Nothing."
1. I have sat idle, and have not taken an active part in the kingdom (James 4:17).
  2. I have not tried to teach my family or encourage my brethren (Acts 11:22-23).

**Conclusion.** How do you answer these questions? "Where are you?" Where are you in your relationship with God? If you are not a child of God, you need to become one. If you are out of fellowship with God, you need to be restored. "Who told you that you were naked?" Who told you this or that about how you should live and worship God? What is the source of your information? "Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Have you sinned? Have you done what is not right, what you are ashamed of? "What is this you have done?" Have you done something of which you need to repent? Have you humbly repented? It is a blessed thought to know you are right with God (Revelation 14:13).