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Where Are You?



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Bible Reading Genesis Ch 3v6-9 Where Are You?

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.

She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

*8 And they heard the sound 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 among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, **"Where are you?"***

B&S In verse 9 of Genesis Ch3 we have the first recorded question that God Almighty had asked man.

That question was Where Are You? He called to Adam after he had tasted of the forbidden fruit. Now what did God mean by **Where Are You?** (Explain) God is an all knowing God, we read that Adam walked with God in the cool of the day, and now he's hiding. When God said where are you Adam, He is not playing hide and seek, He is not saying what tree are you behind, what bush are you hiding in. He knows exactly, pinpoint exactly where he is in the garden. When He said where are you Adam, He is meaning, where are you in relation to Me and you. We walked with each other in the cool of the day, we communicated we had conversation and now you are hiding, where are you? you have severed the relationship. B&S God is still asking that same question to sinful men and women today **Where Are You?**

What He is really asking them is, how do you stand before God Almighty and in the light of Eternity? What is your spiritual condition like?. B&S The circumstances to why God asked that question was because of disobedience. The God who created you and sustains you, the God who called into being all the worlds, space, sun, moon, stars, galaxy after galaxy is still asking **Where Are You?**

Millions all over the world say they believe that He created our first parents Adam and Eve. **In Genesis Ch1**

When we turn to the NT, we find a clear statement from John Ch1v1-3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

B&S These verses tell us how man was created. Amen And the same God who created us is the One who sustains us and cares for us, He watches over us, He supplies us with our needs, and it is this God who comes to us and asks, **Where Are You?** This is the God whom everyone sin's against. In Genesis Ch2v 15-17 we have the record of the way in which sin entered into the world. And because of that sin by our first parents the whole human race was infected. A good Bible verse to prove that is Romans Ch 5v12 It says. *Just as through one man, sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.*

When I think of that it reminds me of 1st John Ch1v 8-10 *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. Amen*

B&S sin is destruction, the wages of sin is death, the soul that sins shall die WHY? Because it is against God we have sinned, the one and only true God who cares enough to ask **Where Are You?** This is the God of whom we say we are serving is still asking that same question. Adam and Eve made an effort to hide themselves from Him. Impossible, They couldn't do it, and neither can you, but Adam and Eve tried. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous or as the little verse in Proverbs 15v3 goes. *The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good. Amen*

Here is what is said in Jeremiah 23v23-24.

Am I a God near at hand, says the Lord and not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places.

So I shall not see him? Says the Lord; do I not fill heaven and earth? Says the Lord Amen. B&S all over the world men and women are trying to hide from God, trying to hide behind excuses. They punish themselves by giving themselves a guilty conscience. They are absent from God's presence because they told a little lie why they couldn't be there, they are hiding behind some tree, but no tree, no excuse, nothing can hide them from an all knowing and all seeing God, who is asking **Where Are You?** You know brethren, this is the God to whom we must all give an account. Adam & Eve could not escape or hide from God, no man or woman can, it's impossible. It's appointed unto men once to die, and after this the Judgement. B&S can we be honest with ourselves and stop making excuses and hiding from God. It says in Hebrews 10V30-31 *The Lord will judge His people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

This my B&S Is the love of God, He loves you.
Here again is Gen 3v9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, **Where Are You?** God is asking the question, He is concerned, He proved His love to us in that He dealt with Adam's sin. He didn't overlook it, He dealt with it, He at once promised to send a Saviour. In Gen 3v15 He said *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed her seed, Amen*
B&S This is God's promise to fallen men & women. He would send a Redeemer, and this is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen God is the giver and the forgiver, this is our God who comes to each of us to ask **Where Are You?** Well, Where Are You? What is your answer, what is it going to be? Are you in Adam or in Christ, are you in the Old or in the New. Adam is the head of the Old Creation, but Jesus is the head of the New Creation, He said Behold I make all things new.
B&S All who belong to the Old Adam covenant are spiritually dead and doomed. This is why a second Adam came, to fight and rescue us. When Jesus came He came to live the life that we failed to live, to die the death that we deserved to die, and He rose again as the head of a new creation. 2nd Corinthians Ch5v17 *Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new Creation, Old things have passed away behold all things have become new. Amen* **where are you**
Are you in Adam or in Christ? There are only 2 kinds of people, this has always been the case, and however respectable a person might be, educated, famous, or important, world leaders, presidents or kings. rich or poor They will either be saved or lost. The world is full of lost souls and that is one reason Jesus Christ came, to save those who are lost.

Now He won't save them all, He doesn't seek them all out, It's a matter a fact. It would seem like more will be going to Hell, yet He came for the lost, unfortunately there are an awful lot hiding and they don't want to be found. Yet He keeps on asking **Where Are You?**

God is asking, but if our gospel is hid, it is hid to them that are lost. Question. Are you here saved or lost,? you are either one or the other.

B&S there is no in-between, If you know you are lost, you can be saved here tonight. There are only 2 positions that we can take up, there is no neutral ground as Jesus said in Matthew Ch 12v30. *He who is not with Me is against Me. And he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.*

We are either on the side of Christ or on the side of His enemies, we are either for Him or against Him, where do you stand? Are you dressed in fig leaves or in coats of skin? Many people may not love God, but God certainly loves them. They may not have any time for Him, but He has much time for them, they may not give Him anything, but He gives them them every minute. Adam sinned, but was that the end? Was God going to wash His hands of this fallen man? No way, the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them, Amen,. Our God is a wonderful understanding God, full of love, compassion, mercy and Grace. When Adam sinned against God the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons, B&S the fig leaves that Adam and Eve sewed together speak to us of our own righteousness which is never acceptable before God. You cannot and will not go to heaven your way, We are all an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags.

The aprons that they made speak to us of mans efforts to clean themselves up, to hide their shame, to cover their sins. But their nakedness could still be seen by God.

The coats of skin tell us that an animal had to be slain, the blood had to be shed, and God Himself provided the provision for His children to be clothed.

But what kind of animal was it?

Was it a dog, a cow, a bear, a goat? No it was a Lamb.

The innocent lamb with fleece , a coat of wool, from a timed quiet animal, the Lamb. The Lamb represented Jesus Christ as in John 1v29. *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Amen*

And in Isaiah 53v7. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a Lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent So He opened not His mouth. Yes my friends the animal was a slain Lamb in the Garden of Eden that day for you. The coat was strong, it was soft, it was warm, it was white but stained red with blood. Out of all the animals that God created He took the best possible one to cover our first parents shame and nakedness, He gave us the best. The Lamb also represented innocence, humbleness, and gentle, The Lamb was always the chosen of the Father, before the very earth was called into being, the Lamb that was slain before the foundations of the earth.

Where Are You? Are you bound for heaven or hell?

There are only 2 places. It is futile for Pastors to talk only of Heaven and all its beauty. I know people like to hear nice things, but we must preach the truth. And Jesus spoke more about hell than He did Heaven, He gave warnings in scripture about the danger and certainty of hell for the unbeliever.

If you were to die tonight and many on the earth will, where will they go? *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death* Proverbs 14v12
B&S there are a lot of beliefs and religions on the world. To the person who believes and serves those beliefs, believe in their own way without Jesus

And their belief can only take them to hell. There is only one way, not 2 only one. All religions do not lead to God. Jesus Christ said I Am the way, the Christian faith is the only way. Unless a person is Born Again they will not see the kingdom of God. There is only one unpardonable sin and that is dying without accepting Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Are you for Him or against Him? will you accept Him or reject Him? Is He asking you. **Where Are You?**
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*Those Words That
Keep Me Loving You*

*I thank you Lord for giving me
The wisdom and the sight to see
That You're the only God I'll find
The only God of any kind
That gives Your children everything
The happiness that makes them sing
I bow the knee and praise Your name
My living God who stays the same
Your forthright scriptures stir my soul
They give me strength and make me whole
I carve Your name within my breast
I praise You when I lay to rest
You're with me always Father dear
You take away my pain and fear
So let me hear my whole life through
Those words that keep me loving You.*

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