



WHERE ARE YOU?

WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER SERIES

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS MATTER

Questions and answers form the core engine of education, critical thinking, and learning.

Asking questions and finding answers helps us explore the unknown and understand the world around us.

THE QUESTIONS OF OUR ANSWERS

Who asks the question?

What is the intent of the question?

When is the question asked?

Why is the question asked?

Where is the question asked?

How is the question asked?

WE LOVE TO QUESTION AUTHORITY

We ask authority figures many **questions** and we want **answers** – usually immediately

Parents: Can I have this? Can I do this?

Boss: Is this what you want? Can I have the day off?

God: Will you provide? Will you help me now?

WE DON'T LOVE TO ANSWER AUTHORITY

We don't like, however, to answer authority – and we usually want time, ironically, for our answers.

Parents: Did you clean your room? Take out trash?

Boss: Did you finish the project? Turn in your budget?

God: Do you love me most? Will you obey me?

COMMANDS, QUESTIONS, AND ANSWERS

CQA at the core of our creation story – to learn about sin – its impact – and our redemption through God.

Empowering Commands 1st Genesis 1: 28

Be fruitful and multiply

Fill the earth and subdue it

Have dominion over the living creatures

ONLY RESTRICTION COMMAND AND THE CONSEQUENCE FOR DISOBEDIENCE

Genesis 2: 15 – 17, The Lord God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree in the garden, **but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat**, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

QUESTIONS BEFORE AND AFTER SIN

Satan's 1st words in Genesis – a question to Eve

Genesis 3: 1, He said to the woman, “**Did God actually say,**
‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’

Satan will always challenge us to question God's Word!

EVE'S STRONG OBEDIENT ANSWER

Genesis 3: 2 – 3, And Eve said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,” but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, or you will die.”

SATAN'S 2ND MOST REPEATED STRATEGY

Genesis 3: 4 – 5 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Satan will challenge us to question God's consequences
Appealing to our ego, pride, and desires

SIN BIRTHED FROM EGO, PRIDE, AND DESIRE

Genesis 3: 6 – 7, So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a **delight to the eyes,** and that the tree was **to be desired to make one wise,** she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

EYES OF HEART AND SOUL OPENED TO SIN

Genesis 3: 7 – 8, Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife ***hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God.***

GOD NEVER IGNORES SIN OR FORSAKES US

Genesis 3: 9, But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “**Where are you?**”

Proverbs 15:3: The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Deuteronomy 31: 8, The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.

GOD'S FIRST 4 QUESTIONS AFTER SIN

4 CALLINGS TO CONSIDER

1. “Where are you?” Genesis 3:9

Call to stay present – don't hide

2. “Who told you that you were naked?” Genesis 3:11

Call to His authority – who's word do you obey?

GOD'S FIRST 4 QUESTIONS AFTER SIN

3. “Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” Genesis 3:11

Call to accountability – acknowledge the sin

4. “What is this that you have done?” Genesis 3:13

Call to confess – admit the sin

ADAM AND EVE'S RESPONSE TO SIN OUR RESPONSE TO SIN

Genesis 3: 12, The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me the fruit of the tree and I ate.” **13**, (Eve) “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

3 FAULTY SIN NATURE ANSWERS AND THE SCRIPTURE COUNTERS

1. We Hide from God – and the Church – and others

Hebrews 4:13, And there is no one hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of the Lord.

Jeremiah 16:17, For My eyes see everything, they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity concealed from My eyes.

2. WE BLAME OTHERS FOR OUR SIN

Romans 2:1, “Therefore you have no excuse, O Man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgement on another you condemn yourself because you practice the same things.”

Proverbs 21: 2, All a man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart

3. WE CONTINUE IN OUR SIN

Romans 6: 1 – 2, What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

Romans 6: 12, Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

4 OBEDIENT ANSWERS TO OUR SIN AND THE SCRIPTURE SUPPORT

Instead of hiding from God, family, church, friends

Instead of blaming everything / everyone except our self

Instead of continuing in our sin...

1. WE SEEK GOD EVEN AFTER SIN

Proverbs 8:17, “I love those who love me, and those who diligently seek me will find me.”

Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates His love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!”

SUPPORT: GOD SEEKS US, EVEN IN OUR SIN

Ezekiel 34:11, “For thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.”

Luke 19:10, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost.”

2. WE SEE OURSELVES AS GOD SEES US

Ephesians 2:10, For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Colossians 3:12, Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

SUPPORT: GOD SEES US BEYOND OUR SIN

Isaiah 43:25, “I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”

Hebrews 8:12, “For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

3. WE CONFESS OUR SINS

1st John 1:9, If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from unrighteousness.

James 5:16, Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

SUPPORT: CONFESS SIN OUT OF THE DARK AND INTO THE LIGHT

Psalms 90:8, You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

Job 12:22, God reveals the deep things of darkness and brings deep shadows into the light.

4. WE REPENT FROM OUR SINS

Acts 3:19, Repent, therefore, and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Revelation 3:19, Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Matthew 3:8, Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

SUPPORT: GOD FORGIVES US OF OUR SINS

Psalms 32:5, I acknowledge my sin to you, and I did not cover up my iniquity; I said I will confess my sins to the Lord, and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Colossians 3:13, Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Be present and seek God! Don't hide from God, avoid Church, give up on people, or blame others!

Instead seek God; see ourselves as God sees us, and consistently confess and repent of your sins.

SEPTEMBER 27TH AT SOLID ROCK

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What do you want?

The calling of the 1st Disciples of Jesus

John 1: 38, Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi, where are you staying?”