

3 Questions God Asked Adam and Eve After the Fall Remains Relevant

The first 3 questions God asked Adam and Eve after they sinned are still applicable to you and me

1. Where are you?
2. Who told you?
3. What have you done?

1. "Where are you" deals with our condition in life and our condition in life is never considered autonomously. It is always related to others--God and fellow man,

We have a *telos* (a goal-directed inherent nature) that finds fulfillment in social relationships: marriage, family, church, society/government, and God. Moreover, the common good in each these areas is greater than our individual good. The common good of marriage is greater than one individual. The common good of family is greater than one individual. The common good of the local church is greater than one individual. The common good of society is greater than one individual good--consider Tim Tebow who gave up his life (individual good) for the common good of his country (freedom).

Common goods are always about the virtues: true, justice, love, freedom, unity. So truth, justice, love, freedom, and unity in marriage, family, church, nation, and God is always a greater good than the good of one individual.

These truths are rooted in our very nature/telos and violation always leads to injustice (sin), Note that all justice is social because it deals with social relationships.

Where are we with God will tell us where we are in the other social relationships.

2. Who told you? Satan! Where do we get our views of the meaning of life, marriage, family, government. Where do we get our view of God and life in Him? Where do we get our views of what is right and wrong, justice, truth, goodness, freedom, rights? Satan/world/culture or God/Jesus Christ?

3. What have you done? This goes to the heart of personal responsibility. God holds us all accountable for all of our thoughts, words, and actions. We stand guilty, not only for all the things we have thought, said, and done (sins of commission) but all of those things we should have said, thought, and done--like lack of love and compassion for the poor, marginalized, and our enemies.

God is absolutely righteous. He did not excuse Adam and Eve even though Eve was deceived. He will not excuse any human being for what he has done or failed to do.

The only hope is Jesus Christ. He died for all of our sins. No religion outside of Christianity has such a God who is not only absolutely righteous but is loving as demonstrated by the Cross. Justice and love are not antithetical. The only hope is faith in Jesus Christ.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

If you have not made that decision of faith in Christ, make it and thus take care of eternity. Faith in Christ is the issue:

Acts 16:31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved,

Salvation is by faith and not by works:

Galatians 2:16 "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

In His Grace,

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