

Attributes of God

- All-Powerful
- All-Knowing
- All-Wise

The Questions God Asks

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Where are you? (Genesis 3)

What is that in your hand? (Exodus 4)

What are you doing here? (1 Kings 19)

Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in
your paneled houses, while this house
remains a ruin? (Haggai 1)

Genesis 3:1-13

- ⁹ Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?”

Foundation of the relationship: Genesis 2

- ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ 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.”

Genesis 3:1-13

- ¹Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

Genesis 3:1-13

- ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

Genesis 3:1-13

- ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

A slippery slope

- **Doubt:** *“Has God indeed said...?”*
- **Misrepresentation:** *““You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?””;
““You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.””*
- **Contradiction:** *“You will not surely die.”*

Genesis 3:1-13

- ⁶ 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.

A multi-sensory appeal

- **Flesh:** Physical Practicality
- **Eyes:** Pleasant to the eyes
- **Pride of Life:** Desire to make one wise

An outcome with eternal consequences

- **Shame/Fear**
- **Excuses**
- **Mistrust and Alienation**

Where are you?

- **Loss of intimacy**
- **Lost Man & A Seeking God**
- **Man's Sin & God's Grace**

Genesis 3:1-13

- ¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

Where are you?

Reflection & Application

- As believers we are in a forgiven and restored relationship with God. Why do we sometimes still try to avoid God?
- What are some trees that we try to hide behind?
- If right now God called and asked “Where are you” how would you answer?
- What can you do this week to be more open with God?



Psalm 139

¹O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.

³You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁷Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;

²⁴And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

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