

“Please tell me where you are?!”

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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. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” Genesis 3:8-9. “Where are you?” It seems almost like a silly question coming from God. Is not God omniscient (All knowing), omnipresent (Always present)? Why would God ask Adam where he was? God knew exactly where he was! God was not interested in their geographical location. We must take into account what had just happened. Adam had disobeyed God by eating the fruit from the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When God asked; “Where are you?” God was interested in the condition of Adam and Eve’s hearts, now that sin had entered into it. God knew His close relationship with humanity was severed. Everything now would be changed.

Do you think God was angry with Adam? Genesis 3:11-13 tells us, *“And He (God) said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”* I think God was hurt because He created people to have a personal relationship with them. He didn’t create us to hate on us. The Lord wanted to be with Adam and Eve, just like He wants to be with us.

“Where are we today?” Do we think our achievements, degrees, status, or money impresses God? It is **Y-O-U** He is interested in! Right where we are! He doesn’t care where we’ve been, or what we’ve done, or what we are doing. He loves you and He wants you! Is their sin in your life? Are you broken hearted? Is your trial over whelming you? Jesus is waiting for us to respond to His question “Where are you?” Jesus said *“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”*. Matthew 11:28. Satan is a liar. Our flesh lies as well. Did not God call us? Did we not respond in baptism? God is extremely interested in us, no matter where we’ve been. Why struggle with life by ourselves? With our problems all bottled up like a time bomb, while Jesus is waiting for us to respond to Him. Let’s set our pride aside and put our fears away so we can answer... ***“Yoo-hoo! Here I am Lord! Over here!”***

