



## Where Are You?

We can see some important questions in the Bible that God has asked at various times. We probably don't think much about these even though they are very important questions. Some of them are disturbing questions also. Since some of these questions are to admit our faults and shortcomings we might be reluctant to answer. But if we honestly answer we will be restored and great blessings will follow.

**Where are you?** This is the first question from God. The omniscient God is asking this question to Adam in Gen. 3:9. A question to the one who disobeyed and sinned against the Creator. A question to one who recognized his fault but yet decided to run away and hide as if he could hide from the piercing eyes of the Almighty. Do my (and yours) actions in life warrant such a question from God? Is there any need for me to run and hide? Or do I have the confidence to tell Him, 'Lord, here I am'?

**Where is your brother?** A question to the next generation of the one who tried to hide from God. The pattern continues. I sow wind and my next generation reaps whirlwind. Yes, in God's books I am my brother's keeper. I cannot escape from that responsibility. Do I kill/help to kill my brother or help him to grow? Is my tongue a sharp edged sword or soothing ointment? Do I rejoice in the gifts of my brother and give thanks to God or try put him down? May we have God's grace to know where our brother is?

**What is your name?** God asks as if he is confused or he has grown old and has a memory problem. No, no a thousand no. He very well knows the names of each one of us. He is the one who calls each star by name. He is not mistaken. He wants you and me to know who we really are and confess that before him. Then and only then he can give us a new name with blessings to follow abundantly.

**What is in your hand?** This was a question to one who feels defeated and tried to put forth many excuses to avoid God's call. The answer: it is just an old, dry, lifeless rod. No Moses, God said, it is not dry, lifeless rod. Throw it on the floor, throw it before me. I will make it MY rod and it will have life and power. Are we willing to admit what we have is almost useless in our hands and submit it in God's hand? He will return it to us as a powerful weapon.

**Whom shall I send?** This was a question to one who confessed that he is unholy and was made holy by the fire of God. What would

be our answer if the call comes to us? Would we answer, 'send me' like Isaiah did or nominate our brother like Moses did? If the call comes would I send my daughter or encourage someone else to go? Oh, that I would have the heart of Isaiah.

**Will your hands be strong in the day I deal with you?** In other words, are you prepared to meet your Lord? Are we ready to give account of our life on earth? For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. Could we really say, Amen? Come, Lord Jesus? Let each one of us examine our life and be prepared to answer God no matter when or what the question would be.

**"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much."** — Oscar Wilde

**"For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness."** — Ralph Waldo Emerson

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**  
**REV. JACOB OOMMEN, JOLLY JACOB**  
**& JESSICA JACOB**

**"I am the LORD who heals you"**

Please pray for:  
**Mrs. Marykutty Thomas (Sist. Suja's Mom),**  
**Bro. Jacob Alexander, Pr. Mathew Samuel, Bro. Babu Thannickal,**  
**Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew, Ammini George, Mariamma**  
**Johny (Kunjumol), Usha Danielkutty**  
**Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter),**  
**Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair) & all who are sick among us.**

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