

Zoom Christian Growth Hour, 8/3/2025

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Questions from God

“O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.” Psalm 139:1-4

What does this verse say about God’s knowledge of the psalmist (and us)?

“By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.” 1 John 3:19-20

According to this verse, what does God know?

“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.” Luke 12:6-7

What does this verse say about God’s knowledge of us?

We see from these scriptures that God is omniscient; all-knowing. Yet in the scriptures we find God asking questions. Here are some questions God asked Job.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?” (38:4)

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place?” (38:12).

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?” (38:16)

What is God saying to Job by asking these questions?

When God asks a question in scripture, it is wise for us to consider what that question means for us. Pastor Dave’s sermon today is centered around the text of Genesis 3:8-9.

“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 among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?””

Does God know where Adam and Eve are hiding? Why is he asking, “Where are you?”

Why were Adam and Eve hiding from God? Do we ever attempt to hide from God?

God didn’t harshly command them to come out of hiding. God didn’t ridicule them for attempting to hide from him. God didn’t leave them in their guilt and shame. He pursued them because he loved them.

“So he (Jesus) came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour (12 noon). A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”” John 4:5-7

In the heat of middle east, it was typical to fetch heavy jugs of water in the cooler morning or evening hours. Why do think this woman went to draw water in the heat of the day? Was she hiding? Was it a coincidence that Jesus met her there?

“Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”” John 4:13-14

What did Jesus offer the woman?

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23:6

The words “follow me” are translated from the Hebrew word רָדַף (*radaph*). *Radaph* is not a passive following but means to actively pursue or chase. How does this understanding of the Hebrew text inform us about God’s goodness and mercy; especially when we are hiding from him?

Closing Prayer