

“Where Are You?” Genesis 3:1-13

How many times have you entered the house and, not seeing a family member, called out: “Where are you?” Probably many times. We are not the first to ask that question. In Genesis Chapter 3, God asked that question of Adam. Someone has pointed out that “Where are you?” is God’s first question to man.

After Adam and Eve yielded to the serpent’s temptation in the garden, Genesis 3:8-9 says: “And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said: ‘Adam, where are you?’”

I have the conviction that God is still asking that question today. When does God ask the question, “Where are you?”

I. When people are lost in their sins.
We are created in the image of God. We are made for a close relationship with our creator. Sin breaks our relationship with God. When that happens Almighty God who is God of love comes calling and asking, “Where are you? Your rightful place is in fellowship with Me. You have sinned and broken that relationship. Man, where are you?” And many people do like Adam and Eve in the garden. They try to hide from God. But sooner or later God comes calling with that soul-searching question: “Where are you?”

II. When we feel that we are so independent that we no longer need God.
The history of Christianity is like the history of the Israelites in the Old Testament. The formula goes something like this:
Prosperity = away from God
Poverty/need = close to God
Good times = away from God
Bad times = close to God

After September 11, 2001 = close to God (Churches filled with people)
Now = away from God

I am thankful that God cares about us all the time.

I am sorry that sometimes we become so independent that we think we do not need God. When we manifest this attitude, God comes calling and asking that searching question: “Where are you?”

III. When we fail to seek or when we disregard God’s will for our lives. With this truth in mind, I thought about two men in gardens in the Bible.

Adam – Disregarded God’s will and God came calling: “Adam, where are you?”

Jesus – “Not my will but thy will be done.” And God the Father blessed Him.

- IV. When we are not growing up spiritually as we should. There are no stopping places as far as growth is concerned on the Christian pilgrimage. God is constantly calling us to a higher plain of Christian living. Someone has said: “I should be closer to God tonight than I was this morning.”

When we stop growing spiritually God comes calling with that searching question: “Where are you?”

Is God calling you today? Do you hear Him asking: “Where are you?” If so, I pray you will answer” “Here I am! Make me what I should be and then use me day by day in Your service according to Your will.” AMEN – MAY IT BE SO!

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