

Questions, Questions, Questions

Introduction

Questions About God Come From, Christians and Skeptics?

God Asks Questions Too

Where is the Lord?

Does God really exist?

What is God waiting for? He needs to Intervene now.

God does not get upset over our questions. Where do we look for answers to our questions?

U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan told reporters about the mass grave, "We want answers," adding, "We want to see this thoroughly and transparently investigated." Hamas invaded Israel on October 7 and slaughtered 1,200 people, including over 30 Americans.

Text: [1Ki 22:6-7 NLT] 6 So the king of Israel summoned the prophets, about 400 of them, and asked them, "Should I go to war against Ramoth-gilead, or should I hold back?" They all replied, "Yes, go right ahead! The Lord will give the king victory." 7 But Jehoshaphat asked, **"Is there not also a prophet of the LORD here? We should ask him the same question."**

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Skeptic:

Satan: [Gen 3:1 KJV] 1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?**

The Lord's Enemies still try to get Christians to question their faith.: Sennacherib king of Assyria [2Ki 18:22, 30-31 KJV] 22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: [is] not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? ... 30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. 31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make [an agreement] with me by a present, and come out to me, and [then] eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:

Fallen Israel: [Mal 2:17 KJV] 17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied [him]? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil [is] good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where [is] the God of judgment?

Job asked Many Questions

[Job 7:17-18, 20 KJV] 17 What [is] man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? 18 And [that] thou shouldest visit him every morning, [and] try him every moment? ... 20 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

[Job 7:17-18, 20 NLT] 17 "What are people, that you should make so much of us, that you should think of us so often? 18 For you examine us every morning and test us every moment. ... 20 If I have

sinned, what have I done to you, O watcher of all humanity? Why make me your target? Am I a burden to you?

David Asked Questions.

[2Sa 5:19 KJV] 19 And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

[Jhn 16:24 KJV] 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

[Psa 13:1-2 KJV] 1 [[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]] How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, [having] sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

Remember God's Faithfulness to us. [Psa 13:5 KJV] 5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

God asks Questions too

[Jer 2:5 NLT] 5 This is what the LORD says: "What did your ancestors find wrong with me that led them to stray so far from me? They worshiped worthless idols, only to become worthless themselves.

[Job 38:4-6 KJV] 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

When Jesus was teaching in the Temple: [Mar 12:35-37 KJV] 35 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? 36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. 37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he [then] his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

[Mat 26:39 KJV] 39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou [wilt].

[Mat 27:46 KJV] 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Where is the Lord? (A normal question to ask in times of suffering)

When you no longer believe in God, you stop asking.

Deception - Taking in Misinformation

Anger

Depression

Impatience

When we stop asking when we are at the Center of our Lives

[Jer 2:6-8 KJV] 6 Neither said they, Where [is] the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? 7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

We are priests: 8 The priests said not, Where [is] the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after [things that] do not profit.

So where is He? Who is asking Christian or Skeptic?

He is above all things.

Peter's First Sermon: [Act 2:33 NLT] 33 Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today.

The Lord needs to be at the Center of Your life.

Don Carson says, the fundamental commandment is to love God with heart and soul and mind and strength, which means the fundamental sin is not to love God with heart and soul and mind and strength. The second is to love our neighbors as ourselves, which is a pretty easy thing to do if God really is at the center and we do love him with heart and soul and mind and strength. Otherwise it's an impossible thing to do

What is the foundation for your faith.

The Psalmist's true foundation

[Psa 94:22-23 KJV] 22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God [is] the rock of my refuge. 23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; [yea], the LORD our God shall cut them off.

Where is Your Focus?

[Tit 2:13 KJV] 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Where is God? He came into the World and Israel missed it. This is the Creator of the Universe going through this.

[Isa 53:3-5 NKJV] 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, [our] faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He [was] wounded for our transgressions, [He was] bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace [was] upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

You will never find him when You are at the Center of your life.

[Jhn 1:11 KJV] 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

How far can the human eye see?

On a clear day, you can see for up to 3 miles before the horizon due to the curvature of the earth. Yet you can see skyscrapers in a further distance than 3 miles due to no horizon obstruction. If you look into the sky you can see stars during the night that are millions of miles away.

The Lord sees more than you and I see.

[1Sa 16:7 NKJV] 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For [the LORD does] not [see] as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

[Psa 33:13 NKJV] 13 The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

Does God really exist?

Premise one: A God who is all-powerful would be able to prevent evil in the world.

Premise two: A God who is all-good would want to prevent evil in the world.

Evil exists in the world. This results in a logical conclusion: Therefore, an all-powerful, all-good God cannot exist. That seems a pretty airtight argument, doesn't it? How do you respond to such a thing?

[Rom 1:18-20 NLT] 18 But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. 19 They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. 20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Moral Argument:

Objective Moral values are moral values that are true whether one believes they exist or not. These values are available to all people everywhere and do not have to be found out by reading the Bible.

[Rom 2:14-16 KJV] 14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and [their] thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) 16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Focus on the Family writer: if God didn't exist, then there would be no problem of pain. In other words, there would be no good or bad, there would only be stuff. God is the ultimate standard of good. The fact that we may look at something and rightly conclude: "This is good and that is bad" establishes that morality still exists. This indicates that humans can discern when something conforms more closely to an ultimate standard of good. God is not only the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. He is also the foundation for morality.

Is "Freedom to Choose" Evil?

[Jos 24:15 KJV] 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

[Deu 30:19 KJV] 19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, [that] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Impact of Freewill Choices.

Adam and Eve chose to disobey God

Cain chose to kill his brother

The Father chose to send his one and only Son to die for us

[Rom 5:8 KJV] 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Jesus chose to die for us

[Mar 14:36 KJV] 36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things [are] possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

God's Timing

[2Pe 3:9 KJV] 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

[Ecc 3:1-3 KJV] 1 To every [thing there is] a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up [that which is] planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

Don't Trust in yourself.

[Psa 44:6 KJV] 6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

[Psa 49:6-7 KJV] 6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; 7 None [of them] can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

Trust God

[Psa 37:3, 5 KJV] 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; [so] shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. ... 5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring [it] to pass.

[Psa 56:3-4 KJV] 3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. 4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

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[Psa 52:8 KJV] 8 But I [am] like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

God Comforts Us in All our Tribulation caused by choices

[2Co 1:3-4 NKJV] 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.