

THE QUESTIONS FROM THE BEGINNING

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S – Scriptures

“Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” Genesis 4: 9

C – Consideration

In the midst of Paradise, Adam and Eve were enjoying everything God had made for them with perfection and beauty, with peace, joy, love, and relationship. There were no questions registered in the first two chapters because God gave wisdom to man. He had the knowledge to discern and to name all the animals, to recognize that Eve was taken from him, and so on. However, in chapters three and four of Genesis, there were eight questions. The woman heard the first one, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” That was the devil tempting her to disobey God’s command. Adam and Eve fall into sin and God asked questions for both, “Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” Years after, Cain, the firstborn, after he had his offering rejected by God, was questioned as well: “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? And right after, for the first time, the rebellion and murder didn’t even try to answer, but inquiring God, he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?”

C – Commitment

I perceive in all these questions a great lesson to me. First of all, the devil will always ask questions to bring doubt about God’s words. God, the Holy Spirit who is here to convince men of sin, righteousness, and judgment will ask questions about my failures and sins, expecting me to respond in repentance. When I don’t respond in humility and brokenness, eventually, like Adam, I will blame God, some “Eve” close to me; or I will blame the devil and his demons that tempted me. The worst stage is when I rebel like Cain, instead of grieving when questioned, I hardened my heart and, arrogantly, asking God questions.

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, you kept a record of these incidents to teach me to know how to answer the devil, the liar, and to understand that I have to humble myself and repent when confronted by the Spirit after sinning against God or my neighbor. My Lord, certainly, living on this earth I have to know that I always will hear these voices, and I ask that I would hear what the Spirit is saying to me, not the devil or, my own flesh desires. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.