

WHERE WAS GOD?

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There have been situations occur in the earth and recorded and broadcast by various newsgroups and agencies. Such situations include some of the following; slaughter of tribes of Africans, riots in the streets, bombings, murders, wars, and the like. One question I have heard from people is, "Where was God?" "If God is very loving why did this atrocity happen?" There is an answer to the honest and heartfelt questions.

God has done all He was going to do while in the Garden with Adam, Eve, and the Serpent. God was concerned about the fall of Adam in that Adam transgressed the commandment of God having listened to the Serpent and eating of the tree.

Genesis 3:14 says, "Then the Lord God said to the serpent, because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." Then in Genesis 3:15, God said, "I will also put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed. He shall break thine head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Verse 15 is very important in three places; one, note that God was going on to speaking to Satan at the point the scripture says, "I will also put enmity between thee and the woman." What is the enmity? Enmity is defined as hatred/hostility. God promised Satan to put hatred/hostility between Satan's seed, offspring, children, and between Eve's seed; that is, offspring/children. God goes on to identify 'enmity as *'He.'* He who? The seed of Eve was ultimately Jesus! Jesus is the 'he' God promised both Satan and mankind. Note God did not say the enmity would be through the seed of man; therefore, Satan would be on the lookout for the fruit of the seed of Eve, and mankind would be on the lookout for fulfillment of the promise from God. Now, what would the 'Enmity' do? According to the scripture, ". . . [S]hall break thine head." What is so significant about the head? The 1599 Geneva Bible margin says that enmity would break the power of sin and death; so, Jesus would come and break the power of sin and death held by Satan. God was declaring the power of the enmity, Jesus! The seed of Eve, Jesus, would have no sin in Him; therefore, through Him would the power of sin and death be destroyed.

Now, the last part of the 3:15 scripture says, ". . . {A}nd you shall bruise his heel." The 'you' God was speaking to was Satan. What does God mean when He states the enmity would bruise his, enmity's, heel? This means, according to 1599 Geneva Bible margin, that Satan would sting Christ and his members, but not overcome them. In short, the promise of God, the enmity He would sent would be very God Himself; that is, God would have to do the work to correct the treason Adam committed in not obeying the commandment of God.

What follows is very important; namely, according to the account Adam did not at any time ask God for help! God took the action! Through the Virgin Mary, Christ, seed of woman, was sent under the power of the Holy Spirit. Man could not, under any circumstances, undo the act of

submitting to Satan's ploy to play upon man's ambition to 'be as gods.' Adam's egregious act separated himself and mankind from intimate walk and fellowship with his creator, God; therefore, God took executive action to rescue his creation; so, where is God?

God is resting from the work He completed on the cross through His Son, Jesus. The Bible states in 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation (KJV). Young's Literal Translation states, And the all things [are] of God, who reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and did give to us the ministration of the reconciliation, how that God was in Christ -- a world reconciling to Himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses; and having put in us the word of the reconciliation . . ."

The word, reconcile, means to restore relations. God was in Jesus restoring our relationship to him to a condition before the fall of Adam in the garden. In order to reconcile us to Himself the issue of sin had to be addressed and defeated. God gave us the word reconciliation to declare though His act of reconciling the fact the guilt of humankind of committing sin was no longer held against them. God, through Jesus was dealing with the issue of sin for all time. When the action of reconciling was complete, Jesus sat down on the right hand of majesty as stated in Hebrews 1:3, "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high . . ." The act of sitting down denotes through action the statement, "I have said what I have said, and I am done." Sin was defeated and the entirety of humankind was forgiven.

Humankind has been given an awesome gift, forgiveness of sin and the opportunity to partake of the forgiveness of God by very God Himself. Yet, humankind continues to reject the work of God through Jesus, which work was accomplished in crucifixion on the cross, and the work of sin is manifested.

An eclipsing question back to humankind who are asking where is God is the question, "Where are you?" The answer is, "Rejecting God and the work of His Christ." To the Christian asking the question of where is God as they see the work of sin the answer to them is, "You are seeing the manifested rejection of Jesus and His work upon the cross. How long will sin and its manifestation continue? Until humankind comes to end of themselves.

What is there to do? We who are of the Light should not hide it, rather, tell any and all of the power and demonstration of the Spirit of God to transform lives reflective of the very presence of God no matter where we are and who we are with at any time and situation.