



In times of trouble we ask ourselves questions because we want answers to the problem(s) before us. And, the more important the problem(s), the more questions we ask. If the situation is urgent, we may ask questions rapid fire in the hopes of finding any answer (good or bad). In the search for problem solving, questions are important, but what if you already had the answer to your problem BEFORE you even said a word? In addition to the Bible passage listed in the picture, I thought of another one as well...

The Problem

Genesis 3 (World English Bible)

[1] Now the serpent was more subtle than any animal of the field which Yahweh God had made. **He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?’”**

[2] The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, [3] but not the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

[4] The serpent said to the woman, “You won’t surely die, [5] for God knows that in the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

[6] When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make

one wise, she took some of its fruit, and ate; and she gave some to her husband with her, and he ate it, too. [7] Their eyes were opened, and they both knew that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together, and made coverings for themselves. [8] They heard the voice of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh God among the trees of the garden.

[9] Yahweh God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”

[10] The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

[11] God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

[12] The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

[13] Yahweh God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The Solution

2 Peter 1 (WEB)

^[3] seeing that his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue; ^[4] by which he has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. ^[5] Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; ^[6] and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness; ^[7] and in godliness brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. ^[8] For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ^[9] For he who lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. ^[10] **Therefore,**

brothers, be more diligent to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never stumble. ^[11] For thus you will be richly supplied with the entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Two passages, one labeled “the problem” and the other “the solution”. The problem was a lack of trust, knowledge and obedience, which opened the door to deception and ultimately to death. The solution was trust, knowledge and obedience coupled with God’s sacrifice of Jesus.

Adam and Eve could have asked God for help, but instead, they relied upon their own “wisdom” and the result – death. But, if we look to God for help, we have Jesus. All we have to do is to obey him and live.

More questions? Open your Bible and find the answers.

Like the Apostle Peter said in 2 Peter... ^[3] **seeing that his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the

knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue; ^[4] by which he has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Begin searching the Scriptures today, while there is yet time to do so; don't wait!