

GOOD AND BAD QUESTIONS

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Many questions have been asked in the Bible. Some have been poor, some have been difficult, and some were very good. Today, let us examine some questions from the scriptures and the answers which were given.

"And Pharaoh said, 'Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go.' "{Exodus 5:2} This is a foolish question. How was it answered? God brought ten terrible plagues upon Egypt. Pharaoh soon learned who God was!

" ... Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD?... "{1 Samuel 15:22}

Samuel already knew the answer. Saul should have known. " ... Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, ..." {1 Samuel 15:22b} God always demands obedience first!

"And Elijah came to all the people, and said, 'How long will you falter between two opinions? ...' "{1 Kings 18:21} Israel must make a firm decision- serve God or serve Baal. This was a very good question. How was it answered?

By the test on Mount Carmel. Read 1 Kings 18:23-41. God answered by fire and all the prophets of Baal were shown to be false and taken away and killed by the command of Elijah.

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. "{Job 38:4}

God asked this question of Job. Could you have answered? God clearly declared to Job that He is not the one who needs to answer questions! Understandably, He has all wisdom and knowledge.

"And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, 'Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?' "{Daniel 6:20}

Daniel had been fed to the lions by the evil men that wanted him dead. Yet, Daniel declared that God had delivered him from the lions! Once again the power of God overcame evil.

"So she went out and said to her mother, 'What shall I ask?' ... {Mark 6:24} Herod had been enticed by the dancing of Herodias' daughter. He made a vow to give her whatever she asked for up to half his kingdom. What was her answer? " .. I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter. "{Mark 6:25} So John was killed. What a sad question!

"Now behold, one came and said to Him, 'Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?' "{Matthew 19:16} Excellent question and asked to the one most qualified to answer it. "Jesus said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and

you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me. " {Matthew 19:21} He asked the question but did not like the answer received. He went away sorrowful. The price was too high for him.

"Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' "{Acts 2:37} Excellent question. How was it answered? Read Acts 2:38. About three thousand souls accepted that answer.

"And he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' {Acts 16:30} The jailer asked a very good question. He accepted the answer and obeyed the gospel, Acts 16:31-33.

Do you have a good question? God's good book has an answer for you! ***