52 Days of Building a Second Wall with the Word and Wisdom

**Why Do We Question God?**

Day 26 – June 8, 2013

**Psalm 119:57 “**The Lord is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words.”

**Almighty God, created us to live in the Garden with Him**; a very good and perfect place where we commune with Him daily. As believers, this is to be our portion, our inheritance; a place where our needs are met and we are satisfied. He desires to plant us in the best place of His heart. **So WHY do we Question that which is good for us? WHY do we question the commandment to love Him and one another? WHY do we not trust Him for our lives?**

**Song of Solomon 6:2-3**  “My beloved has gone to his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed his flock in the gardens and to gather lilies. I am my beloved's and my beloved is mind. He feds his flock among the lilies.”

God gives us the fragrance of His heart which produces worship that causes us to gather His chosen ones. He comes to comfort them with His love. The garden was chosen for us to have pure love, rest, and peace. But because we question His provision we are removed from the garden, and our hearts become hardened to the Love of Christ.

**Genesis 2:8 “**The Lord God **planted a garden** eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.”

The Garden of Eden was a real, not an imaginary place. God had prepared a specific place for Adam and Eve on the eastern side of Eden. God has prepared a garden for each one of us, a place He has chosen for us to be planted.

**Planted** - **placed or fixed in a specified place**, even a secret place. To put or set in the ground **for growth**; to set or sow with seeds; establish, settle, institute, to place firmly; conceal, to covertly place for discovery, publication, or **dissemination** - act of spreading something.

**Garden** - piece of ground used for growing; a plot of ground where herbs, fruits, flowers, or vegetables are cultivated; a rich well-cultivated region.

**The Lord has** **placed, established and settled man in a place for discovery to spread His love to all mankind; a cultivated place for multiplication and growth.**

Genesis 2:9 “And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

God’s desire is to put us in a fertile and cultivated place where we can be planted and established for the purpose of growth. But because our hearts are free to choose, we often choose to **disobey** the commandments of God, just like Adam and Eve. God told them not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but they did anyway. We are the same. We read His commandments in His Word; we choose to obey some and to disobey others.

This disobedience has caused God to put us out of the special garden He has cultivated for us, just like Adam and Eve.

**Genesis 3:23** “therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.”

Because of our sin, because of our disobedience, our eyes are opened to evil and we are sent out of the garden God had prepared for us. In our sinful states, the land we are in now is difficult. It is not fertile ground, it has not been prepared, yet we have been planted there.

Everything in the garden God had chosen for us to grow was good. We were allowed to freely eat of the fruit that was good for us; but He put a commandment to avoid eating the fruit of one tree, just one. This commandment was for their safety and protection. God has given us commandments in His Word for our good, for our protection; but because we do not trust Him and His Word, we choose what we think is good and right for ourselves. **We question God and His goodness and tell Him what we think is best.**

**We must be careful in questioning God when He knows what is best for us.** The commandments were not given to us put us in bondage, but to **cause us to have life and to grow in Him.**

God created the garden to be an intimate place for Himself and man. His desire is for man to see His love; and out of this intimate love the heart of man would long for God. **When we see only Him and trust only Him in this Love then we have a heart that:**

* will be **obedient** to His Love with a **renewed** mind by faith.
* will **desire** for His Love with a heart that will **receive** it by faith.
* will **accept** this Love with a heart that will **respond** by faith.

God desires a changed heart from us, a heart of obedience and respect, out of our love relationship. **Even when we do not see or understand what God is doing, we should be like Simeon and wait patiently until we receive the answers.**

We question God with the WHY? **Our response in our testings should not be "WHY", but “we trust You for this season of our life”**. When God gives us a commandment, we must trust Him in that command knowing that **He knows what is best for us. When we ask WHY, we question God’s love towards us.** In the difficult times of waiting and trial, we don't see His love the same. We are in pain and our thinking is skewed. But God never changes; His thinking and His actions are never skewed. He is love and He will never tell us to do something that would hurt us. After the waiting and after the trial, we will see that this was the best thing for us. But we question God in the "waiting" or "the do not", or "now right now", or just "NO."

**God’s heart is filled with pure love for us and it comes to keep us in perfect peace and cause much growth.** The enemy comes with the negative questions and thoughts, causing us to question God and His love and care for us.

The enemy knew that if Adam and Eve would disobey God, they would die just as God told them. The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy. He **stole (to take without permission)** the **comfort/consolation** of the garden, he **destroyed (put an end to)** perfect **rest/peace** of the garden, and he **killed** (**cause death**) perfect **complete/continuous love** fellowship with Father God.

When we do not have the **presence** of the Garden, we become **discouraged** and filled with distress. This distress can lead to **depression** and **discord** in our soul, which becomes hardened and **darkened** with hate, envy, jealousy and **division**. When this happens, we have No Comfort, No Peace, and No Love. This is the enemy’s strategy to steal, kill and destroy our place of intimacy with God in the garden.

**Philippians 2:1** “ Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy; fulfill my joy.”

**Please read Genesis 4:1-16.** The first child of Adam and Eve was Cain, whose heart was a product of their sin. He and his younger brother came before God with offerings. Abel’s offering was pleasing to the Lord, where Cain’s was not. Cain became very angry in his questioning of God. God gives him a warning, to check his heart. Sin was lying at the door of his heart, and it desired to destroy Cain. God tells him he has the power and opportunity to rule over his anger. When we disobey God, sin comes and lives in our hearts and we take on the nature of the enemy, our flesh. We become angry. God is encouraging us that if we do not give into our sin-driven emotions, and press through; we will overcome him (sin).

But Cain did not listen to the Lord. He once again did what he thought was best for himself. He had the question WHY ME ringing in his mind? Why did God not accept my offering?  **As the question kept rolling around in his mind, his heart turned cold and he devised evil against God and his brother.**  When we sin against our brother, we sin against God. Now once again God send a man out from His presence, and Cain dwelt in the land of Nod to the east of Eden.

**Nod means a vagabond or wanderer.** Cain roamed around in a place where there was no rest, no peace, and no consolation from the Lord. It was a dark place of distress, an unfruitful place with no fulfillment. Many of us wander from place to place like a vagabond that has no home. **We are homeless because we are not obedient to the voice of God. We do not trust Him in the time of testing and trial.**

Adam and Eve were tested to see if they would be obedient to the voice of God, without the question "WHY"! Their son Cain was tested to see if he would follow the voice of God; but his heart was hardened when he questioned God not accepting his offering. It **was a heart issue for man in the beginning and it is a heart issue for us now.**

**Genesis 6:5-6** "Then The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.”

Our hearts become hardened and evil when we open the door of sin, envy, covetous, and division. God had placed His love in the hearts of men, but they rejected it and filled their hearts with evil.

**In order for our hearts to stay pure in the garden, we must serve the Lord without asking the question WHY.**

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

**Pray through Psalm 119:49-72**, with a heart of repentance for your questioning of the goodness of God and His commandments.

Our **memory verse** should be hidden in our hearts. Let the truths in it go deeply into our minds and hearts.

**Psalm 119:58** “I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; Be merciful to me according to Your word.”

If you find yourself outside the garden of God’s presence and perfect will, repent and ask for His favor to bring you back in or to bring you closer to His heart. Trust Him and His Word, He is merciful and He desires that none will perish.