

Who Told Thee That Thou?

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"And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? ¹⁰And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. ¹¹And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" Genesis 3:9-11

The Lord had given his command to Adam and Eve. Think about it - they only had one commandment, just one, and they couldn't keep it. Faced with the consequences of disobeying the Lord, they began to try to do as men have done ever since, blame someone else. When Adam spoke of being naked the Lord wanted to know how he knew he was naked and who told him that he was. Adam and Eve were not innocent anymore for now they knew some things that they didn't know before they disobeyed God.

God was, in effect, saying, "I never told you that you were naked, so how did you find out?" While God knew the answer he asked the question, as he would similar questions throughout the bible, so man would have to face his disobedience. Adam had to think about the re-

sults of his taking of the forbidden fruit. It didn't seem such a good idea now that God was asking the hard questions. So many times when we have done something in the heat of the moment, it seemed okay to do it. When we faced the consequences of our actions usually we regretted what we had said, or done. I'm sure Adam and Eve was that way at this time of answering the Lord.

While Adam and Eve had to deal with the results of their listening to Satan, so will all mankind. The evil one still whispers his temptations in the ears and hearts of men around the world. The sad part is that millions of people still are taken in by his lies. The results are still the same, sorrow, broken hearts, ruined marriages, ruined lives, and even death, both physical and spiritual. God gave his word and just like in the Garden of Eden, Satan still lures men into sinning against God. Just like Adam and Eve did in the garden, man will still have to give an account unto God. "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. ¹²So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:11-12

Man will be surprised when standing before God, he doesn't hear what he imagined that he would hear. Some will think that they have done great and good things in God's service and will be shocked to find that God thinks

otherwise. One of the things that displeases the Lord is for men to change what he has commanded in his word. This is clearly shown in the bible. "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you." Deuteronomy 4:2

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Revelation 22:18 These are two of several scriptures where the Lord made it clear that his word and commands are not to be altered and changed by man.

Consider also Matthew 15: 1-9 where Jesus told them how they had changed God's command and substituted man's doctrines. He said that they worshipped in vain for God condemned this false teaching. He would also judge them for their arrogant pride in thinking that they could do such a thing and still be pleasing to the Lord. Once again look at Luke 6:46. For all the times that man has changed the word of God he will be asked, "Who told thee that thou could do this?"

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SEE! THE ISRAELITES FAINT WITH FEAR AT SIGHT OF US!

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