



## OPEN HEAVEN FOR TODAY 13 AUGUST 2023 DEVOTIONAL: WHEN GOD ASKS A QUESTION

### Description

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### **TOPIC: WHEN GOD ASKS A QUESTION**

### **MEMORISE: Job 38:1-3 (KJV)**

*Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said; Who is this that darkeneth counsel without words? Gird up now thy loins like a man, for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.:*

### **BIBLE TEXT: 1 Kings 19:9-14 (KJV)**

<sup>9</sup> And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

<sup>10</sup> And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

<sup>11</sup> And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

<sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

<sup>13</sup> And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

<sup>14</sup> And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

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## **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN FOR TODAY 13 AUGUST 2023 MESSAGE**

In our Bible reading for today, God asked Elijah the same question twice: ***“What doest thou here, Elijah?”***

God is not a talkative; if He asks the same question twice, there must be a reason behind it.

Usually, when God asks you a question, it is a test.

In John 6:5-7, when Jesus saw the crowd, He turned and asked one of the disciples where they would find food to feed the people.

The Bible added that the question was to test him, for He already knew what He would do.

The teacher knows the answer; He only tests the student when He asks a question.

In Genesis 3:1-7, when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and hid behind a tree, God had already seen them. Yet He asked, “Adam, where art thou?”

When Adam said “We heard Your voice and were afraid because we were naked”.

He asked further, “Who told you that you’re naked?” He knew already, but still He asked to see what they would say.

Unfortunately, they were pushing the blame and so they got the punishment they deserved.

In Genesis 4:3-10, God asked Cain where Abel was. When Cain said he didn’t know, God responded, “His blood is crying to me from where you killed and buried him”.

God knew where Abel was from the onset, yet He asked Cain where he was and sadly, Cain never told the truth.

When God asks you a question, especially concerning a sin that you committed, fall on your face and beg for mercy.

That question is a test to see if you are really repentant or not.

If, on the other hand, He asks you a question that is not pertaining to a sin you committed, my advice is that you ask the Holy Spirit to help you answer.

In our Bible reading for today, God asked Elijah the same question twice and he gave the same answer both times.

I believe God asked the second time because He had hoped Elijah would answer differently.

I feel that if Elijah had not answered the questions with frustration, he wouldn't have been asked to anoint his replacement yet.

In Ezekiel 37:3, Ezekiel was wise. God asked Him, "Can these bones live?" He did not know how to so he "You know, Lord".

God's questions are tests; ask the Holy Spirit to help you answer them when they come.

## **OPEN HEAVEN FOR TODAY 13 AUGUST 2023 PRAYER POINT**

When God asks you a question, He knows the answer already; He is just testing you to see if you are ready for a promotion.

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### **RCCG HYMN 4: Be Glad In The Lord And Rejoice**

1 BE glad in the Lord, and rejoice,  
All ye that are upright in heart;  
And ye that have made Him your choice,  
Bid sadness and sorrow depart.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice!  
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!  
Rejoice, rejoice!  
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

2 Be joyful, for He is the Lord,  
On earth and in heaven supreme;  
He fashions and rules by His word;  
The Mighty and Strong to redeem.

3 What though in the conflict for right  
Your enemies almost prevail!  
God's armies, just hid from your sight,  
Are more than the foes which assail.

4 Though darkness surround you by day,

Your sky by the night be o'er-cast,  
Let nothing your spirit dismay,  
But trust till the danger is past.

6 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice,  
His praises proclaiming in song;  
With harp, and with organ, and voice,  
The loud hallelujahs prolong!

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