

Where is God?

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Have you ever heard someone ask the question: "Where is God?" Others have even crossed the red line to say that God does not exist! Man rationally thinks that if there was a God who claimed to have created the universe and all its elements, then He would not allow things to get out of hand as they seem to be. So, they conclude that either God does not exist, or if one existed He must be wicked or doesn't care.

Some others still, who are very scientifically oriented, have sought for God using the microscopes, telescopes and test tubes but without success. They too have concluded that God does not exist, simply because He cannot be found within the realms of their conventional science. But is it not ironic to think that God who is both omniscient and omnipotent would be found by man with his mental limitations using hand made instruments? A handful of this scientific class has thus figured out and is trying to postulate an imaginative and superstitious theory to explain the creation in what they refer to as the Big Bang. But they haven't told us who or what created the Big Bang!

Man's unceasing passionate quest for the truth through science has only left him with more questions than answers. But science does not have [all] the answers. The Bible does. To prove that the Bible is the only spiritual book with both historical and scientific authenticity, the Ark of Noah from which humanity came out after the flood is still present on Mt. Ararat thousands of years later just as the Bible says.

You too might be tempted to ask: But why is God so silent? Who told you God is silent? There was a time when God was busy creating the entire universe. Then at another period, God was present to govern man by Himself. But man's frailty and waywardness caused him to cry out, "...let not God speak with us, lest we die" (Ex. 20:19). Man was lost in sin, and by his fallen nature could not, and can still not withstand God's holy presence. Man kept experiencing the adverse effects of God's righteous presence because man's sinfulness and God's righteousness cannot mix. God then set a new priority – that of saving man.

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There will be a time when God shall manifest Himself in judgment and all those who have been saying: "God does not exist," or "Where is God;" or who just took Him for granted shall have no hiding place but be made to face squarely the consequences of their rebellious lifestyle; except they repent early enough.

But to you and me, the grace of God is so abundant that He calls on everyone to repentance. Man is not just a composition of chemicals as some think. Man has a mind, a will and a conscience imbued with the knowledge of right and wrong, and a sense of justice. In other words, man has a soul that shall live eternally either with God in heaven, or with the devil, the master of all evil in hell. God is currently busy around the world saving souls, restoring lives and turning hopeless situations into hopeful ones through the gospel of Jesus Christ. And your personal salvation is what preoccupies Him most right now. You need to repent and turn to Him with the greatest degree of urgency, else tomorrow may be too late.

To decide and receive Jesus into your life as your personal Lord and Saviour is the most important decision you can ever make. To make a prayer of commitment and receive God's forgiveness is simple. You just need to make a prayer like the one below in sincerity from your heart to God.

Most gracious God, I come before You this day in total repentance. I plead that You forgive all my sins and wash them away with the precious blood of Jesus. I also accept and receive Jesus in to my life as my personal Lord and Saviour. Help me to live the rest of my life to please and serve You. Thank You for saving me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

If you have done this in sincerity, then know God has forgiven you totally. Praise God, you are saved. Salvation is personal. So do not allow anyone or adverse circumstances to influence you negatively on your decision.

What you need to do is talk to God daily in prayers. Know Him more by obtaining and studying His word in the Bible, and by fellowshiping with other Christians in a committed and Spirit filled church. And serve Him by sharing your faith and God's love with others. May God richly bless you.

Let me leave you with these truths from the Bible: *"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Ps 53:1).* But we know that *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Pv 9:10).*

Man, in his despair cries out saying, *"Where then is my hope?" (Job 17:15).* But the Lord Jesus Christ says to the world, *"Come unto Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28).*

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