

## Questions for Lesson 12: Why Am I Here?

1. What is meant by “spiritual terrorism”?

**Answer:** The open activity of Satan to destroy God's people and God's way of living and replace it with Satan's way. Satan does this through “his angels” referred to frequently in scripture (See 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Matt 25:41, much of Revelation).

2. What passages describe this spiritual war?

**Answer:** Eph 6:11, Eph 3:9-11, Job 1 and 2.

3. In the story of Job, what restrictions did Satan have?

**Answer:** He couldn't kill Job, and earlier that he couldn't touch him.

4. What is Job's incredible reaction to all of this?

**Answer** in Job 45:2 Job praises God because he understands the purpose of it, and how he has played a major role in the battle between good and evil.

5. What promise does God give us that is similar to Job's?

**Answer:** I Cor 10:13 - That we won't be given more than we can handle and that there will be a way of escape provided. (Sometimes that way of escape may be to die and be with the Lord.)

6. Why did God create man?

**Answer:** The author's understanding is that we are free moral choice beings created to demonstrate to all beings, mortal and immortal, the superiority of good over evil.

7. Is evil winning the war?

**Answer:** No! Many of Israel's finest hours were when they were outnumbered and yet by God's power eventually won out. In some cases God even reduced their numbers so they would not trust themselves. We will win by God's power and grace, not by numbers.

8. Is it fair to put man in a situation he did not ask to be in?

**Answer:** There are times when we all may be in situations we didn't ask for and only want to get out of. However, those situations can give us the opportunity to demonstrate our real purpose in being.

9. What is the ultimate end of the creation?

**Answer:** The elements will dissolve in fervent heat (2 Peter 3:10), and a final barrier will be placed between those who have followed God and those who have followed Satan. Time will end, and good and evil will be forever separated. (See the Rich Man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31.)

10. Does hell make sense?

**Answer:** There is a lot we do not know about it, but if God gave us life it is

reasonable that we be accountable for what we do with that life. We tend to make bad distinctions between what tradition and books like Dante's *Inferno* teach about hell and what the Bible really says.

11. Can I be really happy in heaven without those things that make me happy on earth?

**Answer:** While it is true that things like sexual love will not be a part of heaven, the existence and love we will have will be so much greater than anything we have ever experienced. The best of what we have had on earth would be to us when like a new toy we had as a child is to us when we are fifty years old,.

12. How does the problem of human suffering relate to the idea that we all must be bearers of fruit if we are Christians?

**Answer:** The problems that each of us have enable us to reach out to a person or group of people that no one else can relate to. Paul is the classic example of a man who used his experience to reach out to others.

13. Give an example in your life of someone you were able to reach because of an experience that you have had.

**Answer:** Will vary with classes. In the Church, there are many who have built great ministries out of their experiences. We will elaborate on this point in the next lesson.