

# Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo? \*

*But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"*

*Genesis 3:9 (NIV)*

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod,*

*Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked,*

*"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?"*

*We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

*Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV)*

**O**f all the English literature I have read for fun and studied formally in school, the line from William Shakespeare that stayed with me the best is the title for our devotional today. Romeo and Juliet were in love but the problem is they came from feuding families. It is a tragic love story that does not have opportunity for success.

Juliet is talking out loud to herself on her balcony unaware that Romeo is listening to her. She is struggling with the impossible love story they are living out. She asks the purpose for Romeo's existence right now and in her life.

Questions can be a rich source of the dramatic as we see not only in Shakespeare but in the Christian Bible. Our two texts today are the first questions in the Old and New Testaments and are full of mystery and intrigue.

The question from Genesis 1 is asked by God although He already knows the answer. It seems Adam and Eve were accustomed to having the Creator walk with them in the Garden of Eden in the cool time of the day. But one day they sinned and so hid themselves from God. It was foolish to try and hide from the all seeing God.

The question in Genesis 3 demonstrates the truth, taught all through Scripture, that God is on a quest to seek and redeem a people for Himself. Of course He knew that Adam and Eve had broken covenant with Him. So we see God beginning the process of reconciliation by seeking Adam and Eve.

Then, the first question recorded in the New Testament is that of humanity (the wise men) seeking the Messiah with the motive of worshipping Him when He

is found. Here we see Gentiles acknowledging the true identity of Jesus (the King of the Jews) and making the appropriate response of worship.

Have you heard your Creator calling your name? Do you recognize that He has taken the initiative to seek you out for Himself? Are you foolishly hiding yourself from the One Who sees everyone and everything? Be like the wise men and seek the God Who seeks you.

I sought the Lord  
and afterward I knew  
He moved my soul  
to seek Him seeking me;  
it was not I that found,  
O Saviour true;  
no, I was found of Thee.

-Anonymous

\* Romeo and Juliet 2.2.33