



# **God's Answers to Good Questions**

Lesson 5 - Who Is in Charge?



## PREPARE

- Please read the following passages:
  - Genesis 1
  - Exodus 20:2-17
  - Job 12:7-10
  - Jeremiah 1:10
  - Daniel 5:25-28
  - Matthew 25:31-33
  - Matthew 28:18-20
  - Luke 12:6-7
- Watch the video lesson and complete the Study Guide while watching

## STUDY GUIDE

### I. Creation & Providence

A. Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 9: What is the work of \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: The work of creation is, God's making all things of \_\_\_\_\_, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 1, Hebrews 11:3)

B. Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 11: What are God's works of \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: God's works of providence are, his most \_\_\_\_\_, (Psalm 145:17) \_\_\_\_\_, (Psalm 104:24, Isaiah 28:29) and \_\_\_\_\_ preserving, (Hebrews 1:3) and governing all his creatures, and all their actions. (Psalm 103:19, Matthew 10:29-31)

1. God in His holiness and wisdom has power is doing two things: He is \_\_\_\_\_ His creatures, and He is \_\_\_\_\_ His creatures
2. God's governance and His preservation applies not only to the creatures themselves, but to all of their \_\_\_\_\_
3. Providence is the \_\_\_\_\_ work of God - in Providence, God is \_\_\_\_\_ it, God is \_\_\_\_\_ it, God is \_\_\_\_\_ it,

God is \_\_\_\_\_ over it to reach the ends and the purposes which He has planned and ordained for those things

4. God is in \_\_\_\_\_ control and authority
  - a. He is not just a player in a process which is much bigger than Him
  - b. He is the \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. He is the One who \_\_\_\_\_ all things, and He's also the One who sovereignly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ everything

## II. What is God's Relationship to the Physical Creation?

- A. Because God made everything, He \_\_\_\_\_ everything - He may do with His own creation as He \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Because God made everything, He \_\_\_\_\_ it - He upholds all things by the \_\_\_\_\_ of His power, so that everything has coherence
  1. In this world, there are certain things which we know are wrong
    - a. Why is it wrong?
    - b. Because \_\_\_\_\_ it's wrong
  2. Job 12:7-10 - *"But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; And the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: And the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these That the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind."*
- C. God uses His \_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish His purposes and to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to Himself
  1. Matthew 17:24-27 - *"And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers? Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith*

*unto him, Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee."*

2. God \_\_\_\_\_ all things and He uses His \_\_\_\_\_ for His own glory in fulfilling His purposes

### III. What is God's Relationship to Human Beings?

#### A. Keep in mind the \_\_\_\_\_

1. God is the Creator, and as Creator, He is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ... He has infinite power. He has infinite glory, He can do whatsoever He pleases, He has no \_\_\_\_\_
2. Man is a creature
  - a. He has a \_\_\_\_\_, he has a \_\_\_\_\_, he has a \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. As creatures, man has \_\_\_\_\_... often there are things that we would wish to do, or we would like to do, or we would try to do, but we cannot because we're not the infinite Creator
  - c. As creatures we live with our own \_\_\_\_\_... as creatures made in God's image, we have inherited the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Adam's first transgression
  - d. Despite man's fallenness, God \_\_\_\_\_ for all of the needs of every human being
  - e. Luke 12:6-7 - *"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows."*

#### B. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ governor of human life and human behavior

1. Exodus 20:2-17 - *"I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."*

2. As God has given us His commands, laws, and decrees, we are \_\_\_\_\_ as human beings to \_\_\_\_\_ those laws - to break a commandment is \_\_\_\_\_ which brings guilt and will result in judgment

C. As the governor of their lives, God also provides for man's \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of their sins through Christ's perfect work on the cross

D. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all

IV. What is God's Relationship to the Nations?

A. We live in an increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ society, which denies the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and does not think that God has much to say or do with the nations

B. God has a \_\_\_\_\_ with the nations, and He shows this throughout His Word, especially in some of the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_, who are frequently calling the nations to account for their \_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_ against God

C. Jeremiah 1:10 – *“See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.”*

1. God's authority over the nations includes planting and \_\_\_\_\_, but also plucking up and \_\_\_\_\_

2. Daniel 5:25-28 – *“And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”*

3. Matthew 25:31-33 – *“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.”*

D. At the same time that God sends forth \_\_\_\_\_ against the nations for their wickedness and their rebellion, He also sends His \_\_\_\_\_ to the nations to proclaim the good news of the \_\_\_\_\_ and to make disciples of all the nations

1. Matthew 28:18-20 – *“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*

2. God's purposes for the nations are not just judgment and destruction - there is also the good news of \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ and through the preaching of the \_\_\_\_\_