

power is a terror to those who are his enemies. Revelation is filled with displays of God's power as He brings destruction on His enemies. Paul suggests we consider God's power before we engage in sin or idolatry. 1 Corinthians 10:22 *Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?* Yet God's power is a comfort to those who trust in Him. 1 Corinthians 12:9 *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever been afraid or anxious because you didn't have the power to solve the problems facing you?
- How can God's power be a comfort to you?
- Have you ever been afraid of God's power? How can you escape that fear?
- Why is weakness actually a good thing for a Christian?

Day 5 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

What do you think it means when we say God is holy? We know that is important but sometimes we aren't exactly sure what holiness is. Holiness has to do with being set apart. To be holy is to be special. In this sense God is the most holy because he is the most special. He is the creator. He is not like the creation. Everything else has a beginning, yet God is eternal. Everything else was created by God, but God is uncreated. In Revelation 4:8 the cry in heaven is, "*Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!*"

Another important way in which God is set apart is with regard to sin. God is completely holy and set apart from all that is sinful. Habakkuk 1:13 *You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong.* This leads directly to God's justice. He cannot be united to sin. He must judge sinners. It is because of God's holiness that all people since Adam and Eve have been separated from God. We are born His enemies. It is only because of God's grace in sending Jesus Christ to die for our sins that we can be made holy like Him. If you believe in Jesus Christ and trust his death on the cross in your place you will be saved and dwell forever with the Holy God.

Discussion Questions

- If God is holy, how do you think we should treat Him?
- Do you act like God is holy in the ways you talk about Him? In the ways you come to worship Him?
- Knowing God is holy, how should that make us feel about our sin?
- If Jesus has paid for your sins, are there things that should change in your life?

Baptist Catechism

Family Worship Guide



West Oaks Baptist Church

(in preparation for Sunday, October 22nd, 2023)

Baptist Catechism Question #7

Q: What is God?

A: *God is Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.*

Suggested Memory Verse

(John 4:24) *God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth*

Day 1 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

Do you know the second commandment? In Exodus 20:4-5 God says *You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.* God teaches us that when we worship Him we shouldn't try to make physical pictures of Him. Most other religions make idols to worship. They do this rather than worship the one true God. There are even "Christians" who will try to make pictures of God. A famous painting in the Sistine Chapel in Rome makes God look like an old man in the clouds. God calls this blasphemy. We cannot make pictures of God because he is spirit and does not have a body. He is not made of physical stuff. This makes sense when you realize that matter was all created by God. If matter is created, then it can't be part of who God is. He is the uncreated One. In John 4:24 Jesus says *God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.* What is God truly? He is the creator of all things. What is He like? You won't learn about Him by finding a picture or statue of Him. If we want to worship Him in truth, we can learn about Him in the Bible alone.

Discussion Question

- Have you ever tried to have a picture of God in your head while you pray to Him? Why do you think that might not be a good idea?
- What is the difference between worshipping in spirit and worshipping physically?
- Why might you need to be born again to worship in spirit and truth?
- Have you been born again?

Day 2 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

Have you ever been really scared? In times like this remember that God is infinite. He is everywhere. No matter what is happening God is there. Psalm 139:7-10 *Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.* Not only is God everywhere, He is also everywhen! God is eternal and has no beginning or end. Psalm 90:2 *Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.* This means God was with you yesterday, even when you had forgotten about Him. He will be with you tomorrow, no matter what happens. People tend to change from day to day. Some days we are kind and other days we are mad. God is not like that. If God could change from day-to-day, then He would be more like the childish Greek and Roman gods. But God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He will always be the same wonderful God! James 1:17 *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

Discussion Questions

- How is God's infinity, eternality, and unchangeability a comfort to you?
- Are these truths about God a comfort to all people? If not, why not?
- How would your day-to-day life change if you considered God to be present with you at every moment?

Day 3 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

What people in your life are particularly wise? These are people who have knowledge but also tend to make good decisions. They can look at a situation and see the right way to go. They know what pitfalls to avoid. They know what is truly important and how to pursue it. Even the wisest person you know, however, doesn't always make the right decision. God is the only one who is truly wise. Romans 11:33 *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!* God shows his amazing wisdom in creation. Proverbs 8:30-31 *then I [Wisdom] was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.* God also shows His amazing wisdom in His work of salvation. Ephesians 1:7-8 *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.* Often the wisdom of God is not something that sinful men appreciate. 1 Corinthians 1:25 *For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.* If you want true wisdom, you must repent of your sins and find it in Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:30 *[Christ Jesus] became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.*

Discussion Questions

- Who are some people you can go to when you need godly wisdom?
- Do you tend to seek out godly wisdom or do you tend to trust yourself?
- What are some times or situations when you find yourself questioning God's wisdom? What should you do when you find yourself doing this?
- Does trusting in Jesus seem silly to you? Does it seem wise? Have you trusted in His salvation?

Day 4 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

When I (Joshua) was a child, we played a game where everyone got to pick one super power. Would you pick super strength, or flight, or invisibility, or telepathy? The reason superheroes are so popular is because they have power that we ordinary humans don't have. We are very limited in the power we possess. God has no such limits. His power is infinite. Jeremiah 32:27 *"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?"* This means that God can accomplish all His holy will. Daniel 4:35 *all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"* God's