LESSON 9

The Fatherhood of God

Read: Genesis 1:1-3; 2:7, 18-25; Matthew 6:24-34; John 8:31-59

1. Q. Why is God the Father called "Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?"

   A. Because God, by His almighty power, made heaven and earth out of nothing.
2. Q. How did God create the heaven and the earth?

   A. God spoke, and all things came into being at His command (Psalm 33:6,9).
3. Q. Does God take care of everything which He has made?

   A. Yea, God upholds, preserves, and governs all things by His providence.

In this lesson, we begin a study of the works of God in creation and in providence. These works of God are especially ascribed to God the Father, the first Person in the Trinity. The Bible teaches, however, that whatsoever one Person in the Trinity does, He does in co-operation with the other two Persons in the Godhead.

1. Q. What is the first Article in the Apostolic Creed?

   A. _ _____ __ ___ ___ _____,_____ _____ __ _____ ___ _____.
2. The name 'Father' in Scripture refers sometimes to the Triune God and sometimes to the First Person in the Trinity. When we, in the Lord's Prayer, say; "Our Father, who art in heaven," Who is meant?

   (a) The Triune God.

   (b) The First Person in the Trinity.

   Underline the correct answer
3. Q. Who is referred to in John 10:30?

   A. ___ _____ and ___ ___
4. God is acknowledged in the Bible as Father in a threefold way:

   (a) He is the Father of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

   (b) He is the Father of all things that were created.

   (c) He is the Father of His people whom He has adopted as His children.

I. God the Creator

1. Q. What does it mean to create?

   A. To _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _   _ _ _   _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

2. Who co-operated with the Father in the work of creation?

   (a) The _ _ _ _ _ _   _ _   _ _ _ (Genesis 1:2c; Job 33:4a).

   (b) God _ _ _   _ _ _ (John 1:1-3 & Ephesians 3:9c).

3. In 1 Corinthians 8:6 we read, “There is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things… and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things.”

   According to Genesis 1, the order of creation was as follows:

   (a) On the first day God created _ _ _ _ _ (v.3).

   (b) On the second day God made the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (v.7a).

4. Q. What did God call the firmament? (Genesis 1:8a)

   A. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

5. Q. What was its purpose? (Genesis 1:7)

   A. To _ _ _ _ _ _ the waters which were under the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from the _ _ _ _ _ _ above the firmament.

6. Q. What did God cause to appear on the third day? (Genesis 1:9b)

   A. _ _ _   _ _ _ _ .

7. On the fourth day God placed _ _ _ _ _ _ in the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of heaven (Genesis 1:14a).

   Their purpose was to give _ _ _ _ _ upon the earth (Genesis 1:15b).

8. Q. If, on the fourth day, the lights were created to give light upon the earth, from where did the light come on the first day? (1 John 1:5)

   A. From _ _ _ .

9. On the fifth day God created _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ (Genesis 1:20-22).

10. Q. What did God create of the sixth day? (Genesis 1:25-27)

    A. B_ _ _ _ , c _ _ _ _ _ _ , and c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _   t _ _ _ _ , and m _ _ .

11. Q. How lofty did God create man? (Genesis 1:27a)

    A. In His _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ .

12. God created all things for His own _ _ _ _ _ (Isaiah 43:7).

II. God the Father

1. In 2 Corinthians 6:18 the Lord says: "And [I] will be a _ _ _ _ _ _ unto you, and ye shall be my _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."
2. To believe in God the Father is to believe, "Thou art _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, _ _ _ _ _, _" (Psalm 89:26).
3. Can everyone truthfully say, "I believe in God the Father?"

   (a) Yes (b) No

   Underline the correct answer.
4. Q. Who only can call God his Father? (John 3:1-15 & John 8:42a)

   A. Those who are born again and who truly _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .
5. Q. Who is the father of all unbelievers? (John 8:44a)

   A. The _ _ _ _ _ .
6. Q. When Elymas tried to turn Sergius Paulus from the faith, what did Paul call him? (Acts 13:10b)

   A. "Thou child _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, thou _ _ _ _ _ of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."
7. Q. Can you in all sincerity, from the depths of your heart, say: I believe in God the Father for He has also become my Father?

   A. _____ .

"It is one thing to recite the Apostolic Creed; it is another thing to believe it."

III. God's Providence

1. Q. What has God promised to do for those who believe in Jesus? (Philippians 4:19a)

   A. He will meet all their _ _ _ _ _ .
2. _ _ _ feeds the birds of the air (Matthew 6:26).
3. Q. From whom do the young lions seek their food? (Psalms 104:21)

   A. From _ _ _ .
4. God's providence for us is seen:

   (a) in only the good things which happen.

   (b) not in the troubles we receive.

   (c) in both the good and the seeming evil we receive.

   See 1 Samuel 2:6,7

   Underline the correct answer.

5. God's providence consists of three elements:

   (a) Preservation - God preserves and keeps all things in existence.

   (b) Co-operation - God works through the actions of His creatures.

   (c) Government - God rules, controls, and directs all things to a determined end.

6. Q. In the account of Paul's shipwreck at sea (Acts 27:21-44), which element of God's providence is seen in verse 31?

   A. Element _ . *Choose either (a) (b) or (c) from #5 above*

   Q. In verse 24a and 26?

   A. Element _ . *Choose either (a) (b) or (c) from #5 above*

   Q. In verses 22b, 24b, and 44b?

   A. Element _ . *Choose either (a) (b) or (c) from #5 above*

7. Q. Over which two planets did God demonstrate His sovereign control? (Joshua 10:12-14)

   A. The _ _ _ and the _ _ _ _ .

8. Q. Who, too, can do nothing without God's permission? (Job 1:12, 2:6)

   A. _ _ _ _ _ .

9. Q. True believers may see the hand of God in all things. What comfort do they receive from knowing that God rules over all? (Romans 8:28a)

   A. They do know that all "_ _ _ _ _ _ work together for _ _ _ _ ."

10. Q. According to the following Scripture texts, what should faith in God's providence make the believers?

    A. T _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in prosperity (1 Thessalonians 5:18a) and p _ _ _ _ _ _ in adversity (James 5:7a).

The Apostolic Creed

I. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
II. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
III. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;
IV. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
V. The third day He rose again from the dead;
VI. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
VII. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
VIII. I believe in the Holy Ghost;
IX. I believe an holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
X. The forgiveness of sins;
XI. The resurrection of the body;
XII. And the life everlasting. AMEN.

Evaluator: _____