



Biblical Authority —

“And God Said”

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Have the participants read the article, “And God Said” on page 88 of *Answers* (Vol. 2 No. 4) before answering the questions.

1. Genesis emphasizes that God spoke. How many references to the voice of God are in Genesis 1? (Circle all these references and meditate on the truth that God wants to impress us that the tool and act of creation was His voice.) _____

2. What phrase, found in Genesis 3:1, indicates a questioning of God, a direct affront to the spoken voice and authority of God? _____
Name some ways Satan gets you to question God’s Word and His authority in your life.

3. The Bible emphasizes that the Old Testament prophets’ writings were what God had spoken. Often the Scriptures are spoken of as “His Word.” God spoke and it was written down. Look up and underline the words in the following verses that speak of God’s Word: Ezra 1:1; Nehemiah 1:8; Isaiah 1:24; Jeremiah 1:2; Hosea 1:1; Amos 1:3; Jonah 1:1; Micah 1:1; Nahum 1:12; Habakkuk 2:2; Zephaniah 1:1; Haggai 1:1; Zechariah 1:1; Malachi 1:1.

4. In Psalm 119, how many of its 176 verses do not directly refer to God’s Word? What is the significance of this? _____

5. 2 Peter 1:21 (NASB) says, “For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the _____ spoke from _____.” Why is this significant?

6. What is the basis for the authority we claim the Bible has? (Hint: If you erase God, who is left to quote when you need answers?) _____

7. What should be the automatic response of the believer when he realizes the Bible is God speaking and is authoritative in our lives? _____

