



Biblical Authority —

“How Does ‘Biblical Authority’ Affect Your Everyday Life?”

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Read the article “How Does ‘Biblical Authority’ Affect Your Everyday Life?” on page 86 of *Answers* (Vol. 3 No. 2) before answering the questions.

1. Read Genesis 2–3 and summarize the development of the theme of God’s authority, Satan’s questioning of it, and mankind’s response to it. _____

2. When Satan deceived Eve into taking the fruit and thinking she could be her own authority, was she really the authority? Whose authority was she under when she disobeyed God? _____

3. Can you recall other passages in the Bible that confirm the “black and white” nature of who is supposed to be in authority? _____

4. Daniel’s prayer in Daniel 2:20–23 makes a statement about human government. See if you can find it. _____

5. How might parents encourage rebellion in their child by displaying a bad attitude or disobedience toward delegated authority? _____

6. What was Christ referring to when He said not one word would pass away: “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished” (Matthew 5:18)? _____

7. Look up these verses that support the basic idea of only two possible “authorities”: the true God, who has all authority, or the rebel who wants to usurp God’s authority and present himself as “god” to mankind. See Romans 6:1–22; Matthew 12:30; John 8:34; Revelation 3:15–16. _____

8. What place do you think God’s Word and authority will have in heaven? _____

9. Why do you think it grieves God when we disobey the commands of His Word? _____

10. How does God’s attribute of love affect His view of rebellion? (Hint: It might have a lot to do with obedience to the gospel!) _____
