



Biblical Authority —

“It All Starts with God’s Character”

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Read the article “It All Starts with God’s Character” on page 80 of *Answers* (Vol. 6 No. 1) before answering the questions.

1. Genesis 1:1 reveals several characteristics of God. Which ones are reflected in human characteristics? Which ones are solely God’s divine attributes? _____

2. Skeptics often demand proof of God’s existence. Read Psalm 53:1 and Romans 1:18–20. How would God respond to such demands for evidences of His character and authority? How does the very first verse of the Bible reveal this same response to human demands for evidence? _____

3. At first it may seem strange to see jealousy as an expression of love. Read Ezekiel 36:1–15. How is God’s love for the children of Israel expressed through His jealousy? _____

4. Read the rest of Ezekiel 36. What is God jealous for? _____

5. Some of God’s character qualities are unlovely when exhibited by human beings. Why are attitudes like jealousy and anger usually unacceptable for mankind but fully justified for God? Read 2 Corinthians 11:2. Is it ever right for us to be jealous or angry? _____

6. Read Revelation 1:8 and Psalm 19. What do these passages reveal about God’s attitude toward the human tendency to question His authority? _____

7. Meditate on Psalm 8. How does God’s authority relate to man’s authority? How should we respond to His authority? _____

