



# Bible Study

## Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading “The Mystery of God’s Heart.”

There are two types of questions: lesson and opinion. Lesson questions (preceded by a number) are provided an answer. Opinion questions (preceded by an ©) are designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

### Questions

- © What did God see in Abraham? (page 5)
  1. What did God promise to Abraham?
  2. Was God’s promise to Abraham (the Abrahamic Covenant) conditional or everlasting?
- © What words (Deuteronomy 7:6-8 page 5) did God use to describe His:
  - Feelings towards the descendants of Abraham?
  - Relationship with the descendants of Abraham?
- 3. Why was there a need for God to make the Mosaic Covenant with the Israelites?
- 4. Was the Mosaic Covenant conditional? Explain.
- 5. If the Israelites failed in their part of the Mosaic Covenant, would this negate the Abrahamic Covenant?
- 6. Jerusalem (pages 6):
  - A. What happened to Jerusalem during her infancy?
  - B. What happened when God passed by her?
  - C. What happened to her thereafter?
  - D. Which covenant does God refer to when He said “Yes, I swore an oath to you...and you became mine.”
- © Jerusalem’s Harlotry (pages 7-8):
  - How did the Israelites respond to God’s demonstration of His love and blessings?
  - Do you think God experienced pain in His heart? Explain.
  - How does God’s response compare to a person’s emotional response to an adulterous spouse?
  - Because of the continued sin of Jerusalem (Isaiah 1:11-20 page 8):
    - How did God respond to their sacrifices and offerings?
    - What did God say to Israel that demonstrates His continued love?
- 7. God’s New Covenant (pages 8-10):
  - A. Did the Israelites break the Mosaic Covenant? If yes, how?
  - B. What is God’s New Covenant?
  - C. Does the New Covenant replace the Mosaic Covenant? Explain.
  - D. How is the New Covenant different from the Mosaic Covenant?
  - E. Is the New Covenant strictly for the Israelites? If not, explain.
  - F. What is the spiritual relevance and meaning of the parable spoken by Jesus in Matthew 22:1-10?
  - G. Is the New Covenant conditional or everlasting?

- ① God's Mystery in Christ Will Be Revealed to the Israelites in the Last Days (page 11):
  - How do the Israelites view Jesus (past and present)?
    - Do they view Jesus as God's Son?
    - Do they understand:
      - The relevance of the death of Jesus on the Cross and His shed blood?
      - Jesus Christ is God's New Covenant?
      - Jesus Christ is the Mashiach (Messiah) and The Anointed One?
  - Do you think the rejection of Jesus by the Israelites is part of God's plan?
  - What does God say to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 4:30-31?
  - What does God promise the Israelites (and how will they respond) in Zechariah 12:8-10?
- ② God's Love for the Israelites and His Covenant Word with His Chosen is Eternal (page 12):
  - Read Romans 11:25-27
    - What does "fullness of the Gentiles" mean?
    - Do you think God's grace that is presently offered to the Gentiles will come to an end? Explain.
    - Do you think there is a correlation between each of the following last day events:
      - The fullness of the Gentiles.
      - The surrounding of Israel by armies.
      - Jesus Christ returns and destroy Israel's enemies.
      - The blindness of the Israelites will be opened.
- ③ The Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ (page 12):
  - What is the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ?
  - Identify at least 7 different things Jesus will change during His reign.
- ④ The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40 page 13):
  - What did Jesus say we should do?
  - Can you summarize the message into a few words?
  - Why is this the greatest commandment?
  - How will it affect / change our daily life if we seek to fulfill this commandment?
  - How does this commandment fulfill all the law and the prophets?
  - Does this represent reciprocal love? If yes, explain.
- 8. God is Preparing a Gift for Whom He Loves (pages 13-14):
  - A. What did Jesus promise in John 14:2-3?
  - B. What happened after the first Heaven and the first earth will pass away (Revelation 21:1-4)?
  - C. Who is the bride, the Lamb's wife?
  - D. The New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9-27):
    - Why is there no temple?
    - Why is there no sun?
    - Who is allowed to enter?
- ⑤ The New Jerusalem (Revelation 22:1-5 page 14):
  - Are there similarities to the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2)?
  - What is different?
- ⑥ The Mystery of God's Heart (page 14):
  - What is the desire of God's Heart?
  - Is the desire of God's heart different from ours or the same? Explain.
- ⑦ After completing this Bible study...do you view God differently? Explain.

## Answers

1. Page 5: Abraham shall be the father of many nations and kings. God would establish His covenant with his descendants, will give them all the land of Canaan, and will be their God.
2. Page 5: God's promise to Abraham (known as the Abrahamic Covenant) was unconditional and everlasting.
3. Page 6: We are all born with a sinful nature. The Mosaic covenant defined God's minimal expected behavior of what should and should not be done (the 10 Commandments). If one failed (sinned) God provided a means for forgiveness via the sacrifice of an animal.
4. Page 6: Conditional: if obedient God will bless; if disobedient God will punish (Deuteronomy 28).
5. Page 5: No. God made an unconditional (everlasting) promise to Abraham and will fulfill His word. (Genesis 17:1-8)
6. Page 6: A: She was despised and cast aside to die. B: God gave her life, blessed her and protected her. C: She turned away from God and fell deeper into sin. D: Abrahamic Covenant.
7. Pages 8-10: A: Yes. B: God offered His Son as a perfect and complete sacrifice for sins. C: Yes. The sacrificial blood of an animal can no longer cover sins—only the sacrificial blood of God's Son is worthy and accepted by God. D: God's New Covenant is offered to Jew and Gentile because the Israelites rejected the Mosaic Covenant. F: God's conditional offer to the Israelites was rejected in multiple ways. Therefore, God invited additional persons (Gentiles) to receive and participate in God's eternal blessings. G: It is not conditional, but everlasting.
8. A: I go to prepare a place for you so that we may be together for eternity. B: It will be replaced by a new Heaven and earth. God will dwell among His people and will wipe away their tears. Death, sorrow, crying and pain will no longer exist. C: Those who placed their hope, belief, faith and trust in Jesus Christ. D: God and Jesus are its temple. Light emanates from the glory of God and the Jesus. Only those who's names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life may enter.