

Questions for Lesson 8: What is God?

1. What erroneous ideas do people get from believing that God is an old man in the sky?

Answer: That God is dead; that they can hide from God; that God has human weaknesses and limitations.

2. What questions do people ask that show they do not understand what God is?

Answer: What sex is God? What skin color is God? How can God hear everybody's prayers at once? How can God create things from nothing?

3. Why could the man in Flatland not understand what a sphere is?

Answer: It was not a part of his world, nor was it limited to his dimension. This is why we do not totally comprehend the nature of God.

4. What dimension is God in?

Answer: If we are 3-D, time is the fourth dimension, and if we are lower than the angels that would make angels 5-D (outside of time and space). That would mean God is at least 6-D. This blows our mind because we live in 3-D Flatland.

5. What is eternity?

Answer: That condition where time does not pass.

6. What is it like to be in eternity?

Answer: No time-dependent problems. No physical pain; no death; no tears; etc. (see Revelation 21:4). In Mark 12:25 we read we will become "as angels."

7. When we read the biblical definitions of God such as "God is love", "God is light", "God is spirit", what is being described?

Answer: The properties of God. Science does the same thing when it discusses things that cannot be seen or perceived through our senses, such as atoms or sub-atomic particles.

8. Why can we not "look on the face of God and live?"

Answer: Because we would have to leave our physical form to do so. In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul describes how we would have to be changed.

9. Why do people create idols?

Answer: Their concept of God is physical and they want reinforcement of that physical concept.

10. Why do we have religious hypocrites who blatantly and conscientiously defy God and live immoral lives?

Answer: Either they do not believe in God or they do not understand what God is. Like David they feel they can hide their activities from God.

Note: We will do some more work on this concept in program # 9.