

Name _____

Q78 Is God pleased with those who love and obey Him?

A78 Yes; He says, "I love them that love me."

Scripture Base: Ex 20; Deut 5; Matt 3:13-17;
John 14:15, 21,23; 1 John 4:19.

Doctrine: WCF 19:6, 7 SC 1, 2.

Supplementary Questions.

1. Why should you love God?
2. Why is God pleased if we love and obey Him?
3. How can you show him that you love Him?
4. Can you love and obey Him in our own strength?

Songs: "The Greatest Commandment" &
"The Ten Commandments" – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review Q77: Who is your neighbor? - *All my fellow men are my neighbors.*

Story: Sheep (& Goat) judgment - Mt 25:31-40 We must treat everyone properly.

Supplementary Questions.

1. **He is worthy of your love:** (Psalm 18:3) because

He made you (Psa. 139:13).

He gives you every good thing you have to enjoy: (James 1:17).

He blesses those who love Him: (Deu. 30:15-16).

He has provided salvation for you: (John 3:16).

2. **It pleases Him when you do what is right.** (Deu. 6:5). (John 14:23).

It doesn't please Him when those who refuse to obey Him suffer for their sins. (God is pleased when sins are justly punished; but takes no pleasure in the suffering of His creatures when He considers that by itself).

If you will not love and obey Him, He will have to judge you for sinning against Him, but He would rather that you did what's right so that He wouldn't have to judge you. (Ezek. 18:32, 33:11).

3. **By obeying Him.** Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15, 21, 23-24).

4. **No. You came into this world as God's enemy.** (Psa. 51:5; Eph. 2:1-3). You can only love Him if He gives you the ability to love Him: "We love, because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

Gospel: Do you love God? Do you show that you do through your obedience? Does it matter to you whether He is pleased with you or not? If you answered no, then you need to turn from that attitude in your heart, to the Lord. You need to pray to Jesus that He would change your heart and make you love Him. Unless you love and obey the Lord, He will not be pleased with you. On the day of His judgment, He will not open the door of heaven to you, but of hell. However, if you love and obey Him – especially in His command to repent of your sins and trust in His Son – He will receive you and open the doors of heaven to you. Don't resist God and be shut out of heaven. Listen to His very gracious warning, believe in Jesus, and be saved.

Activity: Start 'Throne' picture by gluing 2 sheep on left side.

Songs: "The Greatest Commandment" & "The Ten Commandments"–
Judy Rogers