Origins-8 *Jesus, Provider and Sustainer*

Memory Verse Hand Out Scriptures to read

Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:16, 17; Job 42; Matt. 5:45; 6:25-34; 10:28.

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV) And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Deism teaches that a God created the world and stopped interacting with it. He set things in motion then left the neighborhood. **A deadbeat dad is** a father who does not provide for a family that he was part of creating. Does not have morals or a responsible enough nature to realize how difficult he is making life for his family. Government data that 6.2 million single mothers do not receive child support, we wonder how those dads could be so heartless to their children. Is God a deadbeat dad?

Would God make such a big and wonderful world then walk away?

The Sustainer

Colossians 1:16–17 (NKJV) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

John 5:17 (NKJV) But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

*Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV) who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

"The hand that sustains the worlds in space, the hand that holds in their orderly arrangement and tireless activity all things throughout the universe of God, is the hand that was nailed to the cross for us." Education, p. 132.

*1 Corinthians 8:6 (NKJV) yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

Acts 17:28 (NKJV) for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

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The Generous Provider

John 1:3 (NKJV) All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Genesis 1:29–30 (NKJV) And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. ³⁰ Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

Genesis 2:8–9 (NKJV) ⁸ The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

*Psalm 145:15–16 (NKJV) The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season. ¹⁶ You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Matthew 6:25–34 (NKJV) 25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁸ "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Hebrews 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Revelation 21:6** (NKJV) ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. And the Middle

Natural Evil

Revelation 12:12 (NKJV) Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Cause and effect -Job did not understand, and neither all the catastrophic losses. Although God spoke to Job, He did not provide the answer to all Job's questions, nor did He explain the cause of what happened.

Job 42:8 (NKJV) Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you according to your folly; **because you have not spoken of Me what is right**, as My servant Job has."

Ecclesiastes 9:11–12 (NKJV) ¹¹ I returned and saw under the sun that— The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all. ¹² For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds caught in a snare, So the sons of men are snared in an evil time, When it falls suddenly upon them.

The Devil can cast prosperity in your path to destroy you.

Ecclesiastes 8:11–13 (NKJV) Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him. ¹³ But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

Governing a Damaged Creation

Matthew 5:45 (NKJV) that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

*Psalm 65:9–10 (NKJV) You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it. ¹⁰ You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth.

Provider for a Damaged Creation

*Matthew 6:26 (NKJV) ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Genesis 3:21 (NKJV) Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Matthew 10:9–10 (NKJV) Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, ¹⁰ nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

Psalm 65:9–13 (NKJV) ⁹ You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it. ¹⁰ You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth. ¹¹ You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance. ¹² They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on every side. ¹³ The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing.