

## HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

### Origins - Part 8

#### Jesus, Provider and Sustainer

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Origins. Our topic today: Jesus, Provider and Sustainer

New Scripture Song: "Behold, Bless the LORD" Psalm 134

#### Prayer

- 1) Creation sustained
  - a) Hebrews 1:3
  - b) Colossians 1:16-17
  - c) 1 Corinthians 8:6
  - d) Acts 17:22-25, 28
  - e) How do you respond to the idea that your life is sustained moment by moment by your Creator?
- 2) The generous Provider
  - a) Genesis 1:29-30
  - b) Genesis 2:8-9
  - c) Matthew 5:43-45
  - d) James 1:17
  - e) Matthew 6:25-34
  - f) Examples from the life of Jesus of God as a generous provider?
    - i) Provision of wine at the wedding feast
    - ii) Feeding of the 5000

- iii) Raising of the widow of Nain's son from the dead
  - iv) Other examples?
- 3) Why does God allow natural disasters and calamities?
  - a) Job 42:11
  - b) Job 1:8-12
  - c) Job 1:16
  - d) Job 1:18-19
  - e) Job 2:1-7
  - f) The testimony is clear. Satan causes many calamities? But several questions remain:
    - i) Why doesn't God do something to stop those calamities from happening?
    - ii) Are all natural disasters acts of God?
- 4) Does God sometimes overrule laws of nature?
  - a) Genesis 8:1
  - b) Exodus 10:13
  - c) Numbers 11:31
  - d) 1 Kings 19:11-12
  - e) 2 Kings 20:9-11
  - f) John 6:1-21
  - g) Why does God sometimes overrule the laws of nature?
    - h) Why sometimes and not other times?
    - i) Share a time when God intervened in your life in a miraculous way.
- 5) Discussion questions
  - a) Share an example of God providing or sustaining from your own life.
  - b) How can we learn to trust God more even when we face calamities and hardships?