

Worship God as Sustainer

Points to Consider

1. God sustains us by giving us life
2. God sustains us through His word
3. God sustains us through continual cleansing

God sustains us by giving us life

Isa 46:1-13

God told His people that even when they are old, He would be the one to _____ them and rescue them.

When we worship God as sustainer, we are recognizing our dependence upon Him for everything.

Job 38:34-41; Job 39:1-4 - God sustains the life of all the _____ on earth.

Matt 5:44-46 *But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 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.* NKJV

God is the _____ one who can make it rain. God told Job this as well.

Col 1:15-17 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 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.* NKJV

Heb 1:3 *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.* ESV

The word consist carries with it the idea that Christ _____ all things together. He "upholds the universe" by the _____ of His power.

Mark 4:39-41 *Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. 40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"* NKJV

All nature is held together by the word of Jesus Christ.

Acts 17:23-28 - Man does not need to worship God by making things for Him. He is the creator of _____.

We live and move and _____ because of Him.

God sustains us through His word

Rom 15:4-6 *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant*

you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. NKJV

God's word comforts us and gives us _____.

Ps 119:25; Ps 119:103 - The psalmist says that God's words are sweet like honey and a _____ to his feet.

Jer 15:16 *Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts. NKJV*

2 Tim 3:16-17 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. NKJV*

God's word makes us complete and equips us for every good work.

God sustains us through continual cleansing

1 John 1:5 *This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. NKJV*

If we walk in the light, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from _____ sin.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all _____.

2 Peter 3:10-13 *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. NKJV*

When the Lord stops holding the world together it will _____ up. Are you ready?

Practical Application

1. Meditate and thank God for sustaining our life every day.
2. Praise God for His word and thank Him for how His word sustains us.
3. If we need forgiveness, confess and ask God for forgiveness.