

"EVERY MAN, WOMAN, & CHILD?"*

Joshua 6:21

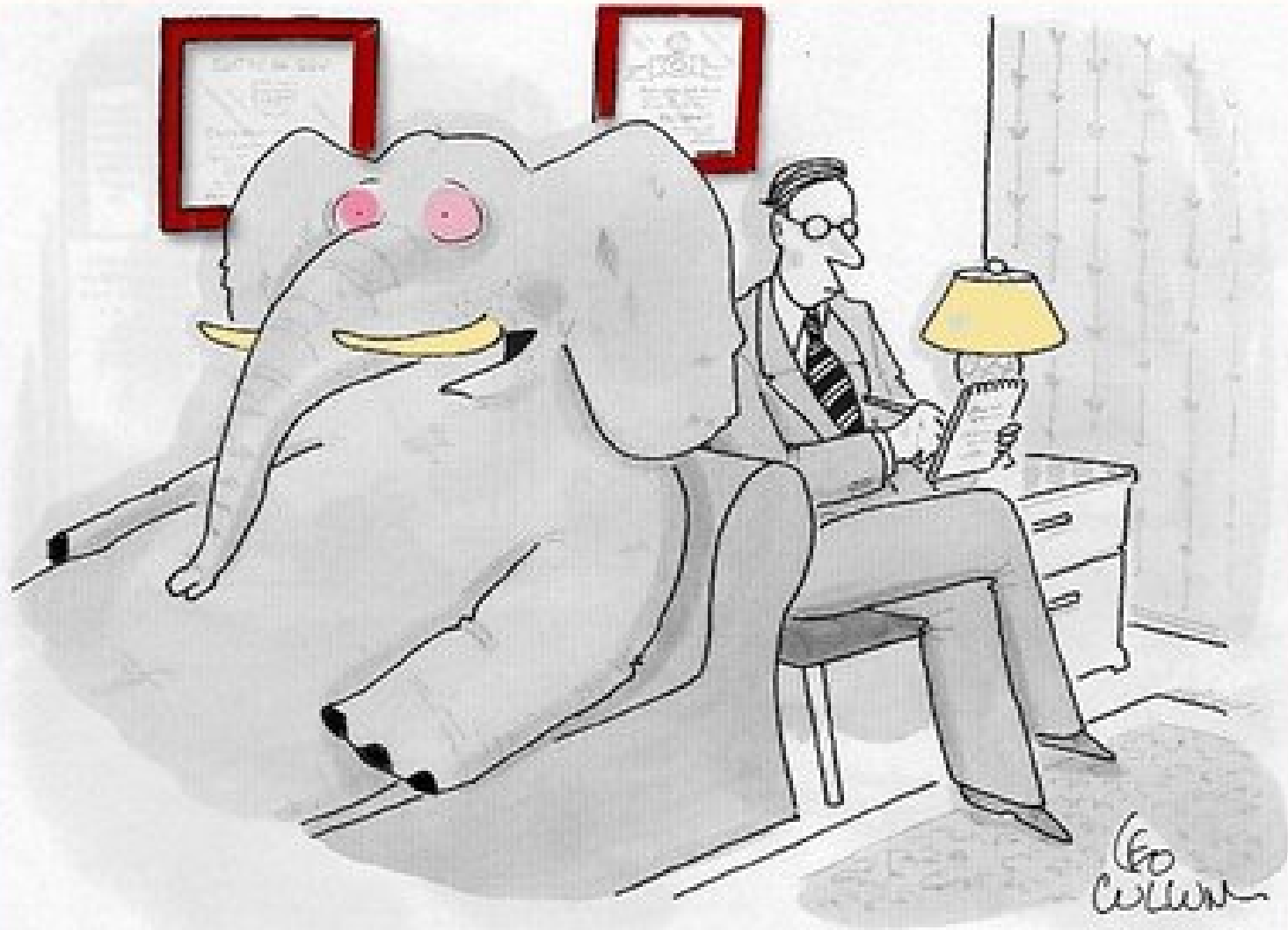
The vision of HCBC is to evangelize every man, woman, and child in the Greater Austin Area. Yet, in Joshua, God directs Israel to exterminate every man, woman, and child. Is this right? Is there something I'm missing about God?

1. The _____ of God Means God Can Do What He Wants with His Creation In Keeping With His Character.
2. The _____ of God Demands the Wrath of God for the Wickedness of Man.
3. The _____ of God Allows Time for the Repentance of Man.
4. The _____ and _____ of God Provide Escape from the Just Judgment of God.
5. The _____ of God Demands Purity from the People of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Job once questioned God's right to do things that seemed unfair. Read God's response in Job 38-42:6 and summarize God's response. How does God's response relate to the conquest of Canaan?
2. Is the wrath of God only an Old Testament concept? Read Romans 1:18-32. How does this passage relate to God's judgment of Canaan?
3. Read Genesis 15:12-16. Why would Abram's descendants wait 400 years in a foreign land before inheriting the Promised Land? How does this correlate to God's description in Exodus 34:6-7?
4. How did the justice of God and the grace of God intersect at the cross? Do you think we can fully appreciate the grace of God apart from understanding the justice and holiness of God?

KNOW HISTORY



"I'm right there in the room, and no one even acknowledges me."

The New Yorker, 9/18/06

1. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.

*God Can Do What He Wants
with His Creation In Keeping
With His Character.*

KNOW HISTORY

Romans 9:20-21

But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, “Why did you make me like this?” Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

2. THE JUSTICE OF GOD.

*Demands the Wrath of God
for the Wickedness of Man.*

KNOW HISTORY

When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these the LORD your God will drive out those nations (Deut. 18:9-13).

3. THE LONG SUFFERING OF GOD.

*Allows Time for the
Repentance of Man.*

KNOW HISTORY

By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:7-9

4. THE GRACE & MERCY OF GOD.

*Provide Escape from the
Just Judgment of God.*

KNOW HISTORY



5. THE HOLINESS OF GOD.

*Demands Purity from the
People of God.*

KNOW HISTORY

However, in the cities of the nations the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes. Completely destroy them...Otherwise, they will teach you to follow all the detestable things they do in worshiping their gods, and you will sin against the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 20:16-18