

# ***THE EVERLASTING PERFECTIONS OF GOD***

## ***LEADER'S GUIDE***

***A STUDY TO STRENGTHEN BELIEVERS IN THEIR FAITH  
TO FACE THE PAINFUL TRIALS OF LIFE***

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## INTRODUCTION

[Have everyone turn to page **1**, the title page.]

Let's begin with the objective of this course, found on page 1. "The Everlasting Perfections of God" seeks

"to strengthen believers in their faith to face the painful trials of life."

This study is meant to fortify the reborn Christ-follower as he faces the realities of living in a fallen world. To do so, it is essential that he become familiar with the character of God. His "perfections" (which is what we will call them) form the basis of His dealings with us: why He does what He does. Equipped with this understanding, the believer will be better able to withstand the pressures placed upon him as he trusts in the God of his circumstances.

[Have everyone turn to pages **4-5**, "A Snapshot of the Course."]

"A Snapshot of the Course" (pages **4-5**) is intended to *orient* us to the direction this study will take.

With "Chapter 1" (pages **6-8**), we will observe how a couple responds to a painful situation that had been thrust upon them, one for which they were not prepared.

Then with "Before You Begin" (page **9**), we will be challenged to live by faith as we apply our understanding of God's perfections, first to an imaginary conflict and then to our own trials.

With "Chapters 2-13" (pages **10-43**), we will consider 20 of God's perfections, observing how our couple applies each one to their situation.

As with all our courses, the discussion questions from our leader's guide has been given to you on pages **44-47**.

And on pages **48-54**, a summary of the perfections of God has been provided.

? Does anyone have any comments or questions or clarifications about where we are going and how we plan to get there?

## CHAPTER 1: "AT THE END OF THE ROPE"

[Have a few read "Chapter 1: At the End of the Rope," pages 6-8.]

At the top of Chapter 1, there is a statement that we should carefully consider. "God does not become a reality *in our lives* until He becomes a necessity."

? What do you think about this statement? Do you agree with it? If so, why? And if not, why not?

Right from the start, we are introduced to a couple that has been thrust into a heart-wrenching situation: the accidental death of their five-year-old son. Because of a motorist's irresponsible behavior, they are now confronted with issues and decisions that no one would ever choose to face. Questions over what God is like and what He has done and why He has done so. Questions about their response to the motorist and about the situation they now face.

We should try to put ourselves in their shoes for a moment.

? As we consider their situation, what troubling issues and questions do you think they *are* struggling with and will likely struggle with in the future? For example, we know they will be asking God, "Why did You allow this to happen?" What else do you think this couple will be forced to deal with? [*The "injustice" of God regarding the death of a child. Their forgiveness of the driver. Did God truly care about Chad? Does God truly love them? Is God truly sovereign? Is God truly almighty? Hasn't God violated His Word in some way? Is God a good God? Does God know what He is doing?*]

[Pause for their insights.]

If you have ever struggled with any of these questions, perhaps our study will help you in your desire to understand Who God is and why He does what He does.

Before we continue, do you have any further insights or questions?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

## "BEFORE YOU BEGIN"

[Have someone read "Before You Begin," page 9.]

? Do you have any questions or comments about this page?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Once again, the purpose of this course is to strengthen us in our faith as we live within the realities of a fallen world. So, if you are presently facing a trial and want to make the most of this study, you are strongly encouraged to apply what you learn about God's character to your own situation.

Furthermore, included in our discussion of each chapter is a question designed to strengthen you in your faith toward God and to cultivate within you a Holy Spirit-generated resolve to obey His will, by His power. Each situation is hypothetical. Nevertheless, if you are currently experiencing this situation, it is our sincere hope that our discussions do not cause you any hurt.

## CHAPTER 2: GOD IS SELF-EXISTENT, ETERNAL, IMMUTABLE

[Have a few read "Chapter 2: God Is Self-Existent, Eternal, Immutable," pages **10-11**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that *you or a beloved family member or a friend has just been diagnosed with a terminal illness*.

? How would these perfections – God is ***self-existent, eternal, immutable*** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[This diagnosis has knocked the breath out of me. My world has just changed into a nightmare. But that does not mean that God has changed. God is still fully God. His infinite **perfections**, His holy and righteous **character**, His life-giving, strengthening **Word**, His wholesome **laws**, His wise **purposes**, His sovereign **plans**, His gracious **promises**, and His generous **spiritual blessings** all remain steadfast and sure. Nothing has changed with Him.]*

*[Furthermore, because He is my self-existent Creator, He knows how I am "put together." He, therefore, knows what is best for my good and His glory. I will trust Him, even though I do not know how it will end.]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the sections "God Is Self-Existent, Eternal, and Immutable" at the top of page **10**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord for these perfections.]

### CHAPTER 3: GOD IS RIGHTEOUS AND JUST

[Have a few read "Chapter 3: God Is Righteous and Just," pages **12-14**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that *your boss expects you follow his unethical practices and if you do not, he will find a reason to replace you.*

? How would these perfections – God is **righteous and just** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[It is important to maintain an eternal perspective when tempted to "sin against God in order to please the world." In view of the future evaluation that I face at the Judgment Seat of Christ, I need to take sin seriously (just as God does). What is at stake is either eternal reward or eternal loss. Since God is righteous and since I will face Him in judgment, I will say "No" to sin and "Yes" to righteousness, **though it may cost me my job.**]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the sections "God Is Righteous and Just" at the top of page **12**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord for these perfections.]

### THE SINFUL CHOICES OF MAN AND THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF GOD

[Have someone read "The Sinful Choices of Man and the Sovereign Will of God," page **15**.]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

On page 6 of your reading, Chad's mother "gave credit for the death of her child to the God of her pastor": *"His entire life was in front of him, and **your** god killed him!"*



- ? From this statement, what do you think she believes about God? *[She believes that God is sovereign (i.e., He was in control of the situation). She does not believe that God is holy or righteous or good or wise.]*
- ? How would you respond to someone who blames God for the evil in this world? *[God does not commit the evil; sinful man does. God allows sin to take place to accomplish His holy will. And in doing so, something far more valuable is gained than what was lost.]*

## CHAPTER 4: GOD IS SPIRIT AND OMNIPRESENT

[Have a few read "Chapter 4: God Is Spirit and Omnipresent," pages **16-17**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that *your spouse, who claimed to be a believer when you married, has since denied the faith and now wants nothing to do with Jesus Christ.*

? How would these perfections – God is **spirit and omnipresent** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[It is a difficult thing when I came to realize I could not relate to my wife / husband on a spiritual level because, since the wedding, my spouse wants nothing more to do with anything spiritual (fellowship / worship with a local church, the Word of God, spiritual discussions, etc.). This spiritual loneliness deepened when I came to realize that the fellowship / support of my Christian friends would not always be available 24/7, especially when I needed them the most.]*

*[Most certainly, the Lord wants my local church to supply whatever support they can during this time of need. But especially does He want me to come to the point of standing on my own two feet of faith. He does not want me to treat Him as my "last resort" (when nothing else has worked); He wants me to view Him as my "first resort." When I learn to turn to Him in prayer, I will be strengthened and refreshed in my faith whether I am surrounded by friends or I am alone.]*

*[Furthermore, my commitment to obey His will can remain strong if I lean less and less on my brothers and sisters and lean more and more on my heavenly Father.]*

*[(Those who are pastors, Bible teachers, and counselors should keep this in mind. There comes a time when the best service we can render to one who has **had time to become mature in the faith** is to nudge him / her out of the nest so that he will become less dependent on others and more dependent on Christ.)]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read the sections "God Is Spirit and Omnipresent" at the top of page **16**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord for these perfections.]

## CHAPTER 5: GOD IS OMNIPOTENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENT

[Have a few read "Chapter 5: God Is Omnipotent and Self-Sufficient," pages **18-20**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that *there has been a collapse in the economy and your bank has closed its doors, preventing you from getting your money out.*

? How would these perfections – God is **omnipotent** and **self-sufficient** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[Because God is self-sufficient, He is not dependent on anyone or anything to sustain Him. Likewise, He does not need help from anyone or anything to sustain me. (He does not need any of my money in the bank to do so.) Furthermore, because He is omnipotent, He has the power to create dozens of ways or motivate hosts of individuals to sustain me.]*

*[THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO HIM (ELIJAH THE TISHBITE), SAYING, "GO AWAY FROM HERE AND TURN EASTWARD, AND HIDE YOURSELF BY THE BROOK CHERITH, WHICH IS EAST OF THE JORDAN. IT SHALL BE THAT YOU WILL DRINK OF THE BROOK, AND I HAVE COMMANDED **THE RAVENS** TO PROVIDE FOR YOU THERE." SO HE WENT ... AND LIVED BY THE BROOK CHERITH, WHICH IS EAST OF THE JORDAN. THE RAVENS BROUGHT HIM BREAD AND MEAT IN THE MORNING AND BREAD AND MEAT IN THE EVENING, AND HE WOULD DRINK FROM THE BROOK. (1<sup>ST</sup> KINGS 17:2-6) ]*

*[THEN THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO HIM (ELIJAH), SAYING, "ARISE, GO TO ZAREPHATH, WHICH BELONGS TO SIDON, AND STAY THERE; BEHOLD, I HAVE COMMANDED A **WIDOW** THERE TO PROVIDE FOR YOU." (1<sup>ST</sup> KINGS 17:8-9)]*

*[THEN HE TOOK THE **FIVE LOAVES** AND THE **TWO FISH**, AND LOOKING UP TO HEAVEN, HE BLESSED THEM, AND BROKE THEM, AND KEPT GIVING THEM TO THE DISCIPLES TO SET BEFORE THE PEOPLE. AND THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED; AND THE BROKEN PIECES WHICH THEY HAD LEFT OVER WERE PICKED UP, TWELVE BASKETS FULL. (LUKE 9:16-17)]*

*[YOU YOURSELVES ALSO KNOW, PHILIPPIANS, THAT ... NO **CHURCH** SHARED WITH ME IN THE MATTER OF GIVING AND RECEIVING BUT YOU ALONE; FOR EVEN IN THESSALONICA YOU SENT A GIFT MORE THAN ONCE FOR MY NEEDS. (PHILIPPIANS 4:15-16)]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the sections "God Is Omnipotent and Self-Sufficient" at the top of page **18**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of ***praise*** and ***thanksgiving*** to the Lord for these perfections.]

## CHAPTER 6: GOD IS ONE (UNITY) AND LOVING

[Have a few read "Chapter 6: God Is One (Unity) and Loving," pages **21-23**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that you *are the object of contempt and criticism among your co-workers (or fellow students) because you have identified yourself with Christ Jesus.*

? How would these perfections – God is **one and loving** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[For the believer to know that God is allowing these attacks to take place **because He wants what is best for him** will stabilize his attitude and composure. Instead of feeling embittered and confused, his emotions will remain steadied and his mind confident as He rests in God's wisdom. His adversaries may not admit it, but they will take note.]*

*ONLY CONDUCT YOURSELVES IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, SO THAT WHETHER I COME AND SEE YOU OR REMAIN ABSENT, I WILL HEAR OF YOU THAT YOU ARE STANDING FIRM IN ONE SPIRIT, WITH ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL; IN NO WAY ALARMED BY YOUR OPPONENTS – WHICH IS A SIGN OF DESTRUCTION FOR THEM, BUT OF SALVATION FOR YOU, AND THAT TOO, FROM GOD. FOR TO YOU IT HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, NOT ONLY TO BELIEVE IN HIM, BUT ALSO TO SUFFER FOR HIS SAKE .... (PHILIPPIANS 1:27-29)*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the sections "God Is One and Loving" on page **21**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord for these perfections.]

## CHAPTER 7: GOD IS GOOD AND GRACIOUS

[Have a few read "Chapter 7: God Is Good and Gracious," pages **24-26**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that you *have an obnoxious family member whom you always dread being around but is present at all the family get-togethers.*

? How would these perfections – God is **good and gracious** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[More than likely, I am not the only one in my family who struggles with this obnoxious family member. Others, too, do not enjoy his / her presence with the family during our get-togethers. This situation, however, gives me a special opportunity to have an eternal impact in the life of this family member and, perhaps, in the lives of the others as well.]*

*[God has been gracious to me. He has saved me from the consequences of my sin. Perhaps if this relative is not a believer. Right before each family gathering, I will pray that God's gracious composure be present in my life. Because His Name is at stake, God will honor this request, using me to represent His Son before this member and all the members of my family. The dread I feel can motivate me to cling to the Spirit of God for help in this matter. They will see the reality of God's goodness and grace through me, in my attitude, my words, my conduct, and my composure under pressure. My obedience to take one's obnoxiousness and turn it into a blessing toward him / her will serve as a witness of the power of the Cross. And if no one else is affected, it will at least result in my own spiritual growth in faith and obedience.]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the sections "God Is Good and Gracious" at the top of page **24**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord for these perfections.]

### BUT IS GOD GOOD ... ALL THE TIME?

[Have a few read "But Is God Good ... All the Time?" pages **27-28**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

? When you find yourself questioning the goodness of God, what can you do to change your doubts toward Him into a fullness of faith in His kindness and goodwill toward you? [As you pray, quote passages from His Word that focuses on the goodness of God. Ask others to pray for you. Remember the many good gifts He has given you.]

**CHAPTER 8: GOD IS MERCIFUL**

[Have a few read "Chapter 8: God Is Merciful," pages **29-30**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that you *are fearful that a certain war between two countries could easily turn into a world war.*

? How would this perfection – God is ***merciful*** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[God does not stop being merciful during world wars. Most certainly, He may express His mercy in a political / military way by preventing the start of a global conflict. But even though one begins, He will continue to be merciful, drawing men and women and children into a saving knowledge of Christ (perhaps, because of the war).]*

*[To be sure, a global war would cause many to ask themselves the question, "What if I were to die because of this war? Where would I go?" A world war could easily provide an effective backdrop for telling others about the mercy of God available to them through Jesus Christ. In doing so, my faith will be strengthened as I share the Gospel with others (in obedience to the Great Commission).]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the section "God Is Merciful" at the top of page **29**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of ***praise*** and ***thanksgiving*** to the Lord for these perfections.]



**CHAPTER 9: GOD IS INFINITE AND OMNISCIENT**

[Have a few read "Chapter 9: God Is Infinite and Omniscient," pages **31-33**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that you *have a rebellious, wayward child who has abandoned every principle of wisdom you tried to teach him / her and who is no longer willing to listen to you.*

? How would these perfections – God is ***infinite and omniscient*** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[God knows what it is like to have rebellious, wayward creatures. Not just one but billions of them. Billions of rebellious angels. And billions of rebellious humans. He knows what it is like to lovingly try to instruct them and guide them, only for them to turn a deaf ear to His wise counsel. So when I pray, God is **sympathetic** to what I am going through; and when I read His Word, He offers to me His **wisdom** to know how to respond to my child. The rest of the situation can only be placed – and left – in His hands.]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the sections "God Is Infinite and Omniscient" at the top of page **31**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord for these perfections.]

## CHAPTER 10: GOD IS SOVEREIGN

[Have someone read "Chapter 10: God Is Sovereign," pages **34-35**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that *your beloved spouse has just had a devastating stroke and the prognosis is long-term care.*

? How would this perfection – God is **sovereign** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*["The sovereignty of God is the pillow upon which the child of God rests his head at night, giving perfect peace" – Charles Spurgeon. The better I know God, the better I can rest in Him, and the more composed my life will be during a fiery trial. If I believe that God is in control of the details of my life, and if I believe that He is good and not evil, neither my faith in Him nor my resolve to obey Him will be shaken in a time of suffering.]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the section "God Is Sovereign" at the top of page **34**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord for these perfections.]

## CHAPTER 11: GOD IS HOLY

[Have a few read "Chapter 11: God Is Holy," pages 36-37.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that you *have a boss who has made your job unbearable, but circumstances prevent you from finding other work. (You are stuck in this job.)*

? How would this perfection – God is **holy** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[Knowing that God's ways are not my ways, I would not be surprised that His mind does not work the same way my mind works. Therefore, His way of bringing my life in alignment with the image of Christ may involve persons and situations I would avoid if it were left up to me. Nevertheless, if my becoming like Christ is as important to me as it should be, I will gladly submit to His way over my own. This would include depending on the Spirit of God – through prayer – to adjust my attitude toward my boss and the work he gives me to do.]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the section "God Is Holy" at the top of page 36.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord for these perfections.]

## CHAPTER 12: GOD IS FAITHFUL AND TRUTH

[Have a few read "Chapter 12: God Is Faithful and Truth," pages **38-40**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that you *were laid off from your job, placing your family in severe financial trouble. Yet, no matter how hard you look, there are no jobs that would adequately support your family.*

? How would these perfections – God is **faithful and truth** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[Allowing one to lose his job is a common way God strengthens the faith of His people. It is one of the ways He motivates His people to cling to His promises.]*

*[To those who contribute (usually financially) to advance the Church through evangelism and discipleship, God has given this special promise:]*

*BUT I HAVE RECEIVED EVERYTHING IN FULL AND HAVE AN ABUNDANCE; I AM AMPLY SUPPLIED, HAVING RECEIVED FROM EPAPHRODITUS WHAT YOU HAVE SENT, A FRAGRANT AROMA, AN ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE, WELL-PLEASING TO GOD. AND MY GOD WILL SUPPLY **ALL YOUR NEEDS** ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS. (PHILIPPIANS 4:18-19)*

*[God is not limited in the ways He uses to keep this promise. To "supply all my needs," He will often use people I least expect and circumstances I would never have imagined.]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the sections "God Is Faithful and Truth" at the top of page **38**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord for these perfections.]

### CHAPTER 13: GOD IS WISE

[Have a few read "Chapter 13: God Is Wise," pages **41-43**.]

? First, do you have any insights on what we just read? Any questions? Any clarifications?

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Let's say that you *have been diagnosed with an incurable eye disease that will gradually cause you to lose your eyesight.*

? How would this perfection – God is **wise** – strengthen you to stand firm in *your faith toward God* and in *your resolve to obey His will* as you face this situation?

[Summarize their answers.]

*[My life is "in the hands of" the all-wise God. He knows what plan is best for me; and He knows the best way for me to arrive at that goal.]*

*[Most surely, my onset of blindness will cause me to cling to Christ which, in turn, will result in a stronger faith, a resolve to be obedient to the will of God, and a Spirit-generated power to carry out that resolve. This change in my life's circumstances will be very difficult to adjust to; but later – and throughout eternity, I will bless God for giving me this "gift" of blindness that did so much to draw me nearer to Him and Him to me.]*

If this situation is similar to one you are presently experiencing, you are encouraged to apply all of God's perfections that we consider to what you are going through.

[Have someone read, once again, the section "God Is Wise" at the top of page **41**.]

[Ask for volunteers to offer prayers of **praise** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord for these perfections.]