

Doctrine of Satisfaction

1. In Job 38 the Lord presents a series of questions to his servant asking him if he could perform great acts of creation or even sustain what has been created. Could Job, for example, “satisfy the desolate and waste ground”? The answer is no.
 - *Job 38:27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?*

2. The Lord can satisfy [Heb. *saba*, (saw-bah); to sate, fill to satisfaction], the soul through various acts of Divine grace.
 - By showing mercy. *Psalms 90:14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.*
 - By giving to some long life. *Psalms 91:16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.*
 - By daily provisions of needs. *Psalms 132:15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.*
 - By providing Divine guidance. *Isaiah 58:11 And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.*

3. The act of marriage is designed to satisfy the natural appetite of sexual lust.
 - *Proverbs 5:19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.*

4. Sometimes the quest for satisfaction will lead to criminal activity which, while understandable, is still wrong but can elicit empathy.
 - *Proverbs 6:30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;*

5. Those who are able to satisfy the needs of the afflicted shall be crowned with honor.
 - *Isaiah 58:10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:*

6. As God can satisfy the soul, He can leave it unsatisfied.
 - *Ezekiel 7:19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity.*

7. By way of a physical need, the disciples of Christ learned that only the Lord can satisfy the spiritual need of a hungry heart.
 - *Mark 8:4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness?*