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National Sanctity of Human Life Day, 2009

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

All human life is a gift from our Creator that is sacred, unique, and worthy of protection. On National Sanctity of Human Life Day, our country recognizes that each person, including every person waiting to be born, has a special place and purpose in this world. We also underscore our dedication to heeding this message of conscience by speaking up for the weak and voiceless among us.

The most basic duty of government is to protect the life of the innocent. My Administration has been committed to building a culture of life by vigorously promoting adoption and parental notification laws, opposing Federal funding for abortions overseas, encouraging teen abstinence, and funding crisis pregnancy programs. In 2002, I was honored to sign into law the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, which extends legal protection to children who survive an abortion attempt. I signed legislation in 2003 to ban the cruel practice of partial-birth abortion, and that law represents our commitment to building a culture of life in America. Also, I was proud to sign the Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004, which allows authorities to charge a person who causes death or

injury to a child in the womb with a separate offense in addition to any charges relating to the mother.

The sanctity of life is written in the hearts of all men and women. On this day and throughout the year, we aspire to build a society in which every child is welcome in life and protected in law. We also encourage more of our fellow Americans to join our just and noble cause. History tells us that with a cause rooted in our deepest principles and appealing to the best instincts of our citizens, we will prevail.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2009, as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. I call upon all Americans to recognize this day with appropriate ceremonies and to underscore our commitment to respecting and protecting the life and dignity of every human being.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM
Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM

Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart
Restoration Radio
Jim Waldron
Manuelito Children's Home



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of January 18

1. Who am I? I had a son who took over my reign after I was stricken by the same disease that Naaman had. This disease was punishment for the fact that I got the big head and tried to do the work of a priest. (I am known by two different names in the Bible, and you need to give both of them to be a royal winner in the quiz.)
2. What is the connection between pleasure and poverty?
3. What specific named process was used to cripple a horse to disable it. (This was usually done as a part of a war effort.)
4. Who had 22 children (sons and daughters combined), unlike his less prolific brothers. At least some of his descendants found good pasture land that had formerly been used by the Hamites.
5. Introduction for the question: It was said of the prodigal son that while he was in the far country, "he came to himself". I assume from this statement that while he was satisfied to live in the "far country" he was "not himself" or was "beside himself". Question. Who else is recorded in the scripture as being thought "by others" to be "beside himself"?
6. What prophet ripped a new article of clothing into a dozen pieces and gave most of them to a future king to symbolize the kingdom that God would give him to rule?
7. What creature is named as "playing" in the sea? It is in context with the mention of the "numberless" sea creatures, little and big ones, created by God.

Answers for week of January 11

1. What king offered clothing , gold and political power to the one who could read and explain a "writing"?
Answer: Nebuchadnezzar? No, the details do not fit the question.
Dan. 2: 5 The king answered and said to the

Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. 6 But if ye show the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore show me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

Answer: The correct answer is Nebuchadnezzar's "son" Belshazzar. He made the offer to his wise men, and later to Daniel.

(Dan 5:1-8) Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. 2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. 3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. 5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. 7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. 8 Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

Then Daniel was brought to Belshazzar:

(Dan 5:16-18) And I have heard of thee, that thou

canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom. 17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:

2. Who asked God if he were responsible for his brother's welfare?

Answer: Cain. After his offering was rejected and his brother's accepted, an angry Cain rejected the message of God to him. Instead he killed his brother, Abel. God asked him where Abel was, and Abel said he did not know. He retorted, "Am I my brother's keeper?" These words have become synonymous with the attitude that we have no responsibility for the welfare of others, but God sees it otherwise.

(Gen 4:8-10) And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

3. Who indicated that his teacher had not fully convinced him to follow Christ?

Answer: King Agrippa (Acts 26:27-29) King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. 28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. 29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

Some have said that Agrippa was being sarcastic, saying in effect, "Do you think you can really persuade me to be a Christian?" But I tend to believe that is not so. Paul indicated his confidence that Agrippa believed the prophets, and when Agrippa said he was "almost persuaded," Paul

declared his wish that Agrippa and all the others who heard him were not just almost but fully persuaded to be what he, Paul, was. He did not wish imprisonment on them, but his wish that they might be "as he was" shows the confidence of Paul in his salvation, his right standing with God.

4. Who talked to Jesus about the eating habits of canines?

Answer: A woman of Canaan (a Greek from Syrophenicia) begged Jesus to heal her daughter. When Jesus seemed to imply she was not worthy to be healed because she was a "dog," she said that even the dogs eat the crumbs from under the master's table.

We see in this woman not only the strong faith but the doggedness, the determination, to look past the seeming insult by Jesus, and to keep her eye on the requested blessing. I see Jesus' comments as a way of testing her faith and allowing her to demonstrate it, though most people would allow the "insult" to deter them. Though she was of Gentile roots, her faith exceeded many of the "house of Israel." Willing to be provided a "crumb" from the hand of Jesus, she received the blessing for her daughter.

Matt 15:22-27- And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

Mark 7:25-29 For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: 26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. 27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the

children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. 28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. 29 And he said unto her, For this saying, go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

5. What was done to help an elderly king stay warm?

Answer: Abishag the Shunamite was brought to King David to stand before him and serve him and to keep him warm in his old age, but he "knew her not." (One of my college Bible teachers described

this as a "personal hot water bottle.")

1 Kings 1:1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. 2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. 3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

6. Who recognized characteristics of both his sons that were evident in the younger of the two?

Answer: Isaac. Genesis 27:22. Jacob, in an effort to deceive his father had used goatskin to imitate the hair that covered his brother's body, putting it on his hands and neck. Isaac recognized the "hands of Esau and the voice of Jacob." Jacob was the twin born last, thus he was the "younger."

Gen. 27: 11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man: 12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. 13 And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them. 14 And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved. 15 And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: 16 And she put the skins of

the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: . . . 21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. 22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. 23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. 24 And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am.

7. A prophet of God volunteered to be sent by God with God's message after seeing a vision of God on his elevated seat. The vision is dated by the death of what king of Judah?

Answer: King Uzziah

Isaiah sees God, high and lifted up, on His throne. When God asked, "Whom shall I send...?", Isaiah says, "Here am I; send me."

2 Chron 26:1 Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. 9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

Welcome, visitors

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

In nursing homes: William Miller (NHC); Frances Cartright (Nancy Harvey's mother) at Boulevard Terrace.

Shut in - Laura Singleton; Melissa Dickerson.

Jessie Pearl Green and James Mason are out of the hospital now. James was found NOT to be suffering with a heart problem.

Food Pantry: Please continue a sustained effort to bring items. If you know of a pressing need for food (including your own) please let it be known.

Current Events and Moral Challenges

The front page of this bulletin has a proclamation from our outgoing president. Even though he extols the "sanctity of life", he seemingly could do little about the ongoing killing of the unborn through abortion that is called "legal". It is rather frightening to anticipate the ongoing slaughter under a president who has declared his SUPPORT for abortion.

Another area of concern is the open support for the aggressive gay and lesbian movement. Not only is there a political climate to embrace this perversion politically. Major companies continue to fund this push. (McDonalds recently decided to cease their financial support of this cause and a widespread boycott of them was subsequently called off by the AFA.) It is now being publicized that Pepsi and Campbell's Soups and Levi Strauss will

support the homosexual movement financially (with contributions and ads), and at present they show no inclination to back down. Perhaps we will need to change our drinking habits to eliminate Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Gatorade, Sierra Mist, Mug, etc. as well as learning to eat other brands of soup than Campbells. I gave up Levis long ago when they refused to support the Boy Scouts who don't allow homosexual scoutmasters.

The truth is that Christians and moral people who are not Christians will have a continual battle trying to coerce the world not to be worldly. I will try to send a message of protest, but at the same time we need to realize that these corporate "supporters of sin" are still made up of people for whom Christ died, people who need to be redeemed. As we make our choices, let us try to remember to be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Let's use good judgment in our war on sin, and make sure the sins we overlook are not our own.

While we are at it, let's pray for our new leaders. They will need our prayers

Ken Thomas

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Jan 11 BS 16 MW 21 EW 16 Wed 9 Cont \$5
Jan 4 BS 21 MW 33 EW 20 Wed 11 Cont \$587
Dec 28 BS 16 MW 26 EW 24 Wed 19 Cont \$662
Dec 21 BS 19 MW 37 EW 15 Wed 14 Cont \$778
Dec 14 BS 22 MW 23 EW 25 Wed 17 Cont \$535

Assignments	January 18	January 25
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Steve Miller	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
(center)	Steve Miller	Tim Waldron
(outside)	Ernie Green	T J Waldron
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason

