

Beech Grove News

Please remember the family of J. C. Rogers in prayer. His funeral was Thursday. Sister Laura Singleton is still in #308, Manchester Health Care Center, but expects to go home Wednesday. Sister Rose continues making progress at NHC and is able to be at home on weekends. Sister Mason is doing better and was out this past Wednesday night. Audrey Carter got a good report on her tests.

Opportunities to serve:

Sunday	Jan 29	Feb 5	Feb 12
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	T J Waldron	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Ken Thomas	T.J. Waldron	T.J. Waldron
Song leader (Wor)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Andy Miller	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Opening prayer	Junior Conner	James Mason	Junior Conner
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron	Tim Waldron
(center)	Nick Graham	Cole Gordon	Cole Gordon
(outside)	Daniel Green	T. J. Waldron	T. J. Waldron
(outside)	Brian Dennis	Daniel Gordon	Daniel Gordon
Closing Prayer	Joe Green	Lee Rose	Andy Miller

Hospitality

Most tend to offer hospitality to only a limited number of people - persons whom they already know, mostly relatives and a few close friends. But, in Abraham's day, hospitality was extended to whomever needed it - strangers and acquaintances alike. In fact, in its original form, "hospitality" combines two separate words - one meaning friend and the other meaning stranger. So, from the beginning of its usage, hospitality has carried with it the idea of making friends out of strangers.

Paul said, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).

Think About It! Have A Great Day!

Tom Moore, Malvern, AR

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
12/25	18	44*	23	\$819	27
01/01	21	33	35*	\$431	20
01/08	18	31	33	\$600	23
01/15	19	35	19	\$585	27
01/22	19	35	27	\$645	17
Goals	25	45	36		35

* Denotes a previous goal met

Singing - Friday February 3

7 PM until - Graymere in Columbia

Beech Grove Church Website

I have added to the website for the congregation. Bulletins for recent months are posted online, and there are also local links to the historic Beech Grove Confederate Cemetery. If you have access to the internet, take a look. I have posted the pages in the lobby. . . . **Ken Thomas**

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

Home

Mail: P.O. Box 85

Beech Grove, TN 37018

Visitors

Always

Welcome

January 29, 2006

Strength from Struggle

by Ken Thomas

It is so difficult to understand some of the "pressures" of life we have to endure at times; however the following story illustrates the value of pressure.

A boy once saw a cocoon shaking as the butterfly inside fought to break out to freedom and flight. Motivated by the desire to help, the boy carefully opened the cocoon, and out came a butterfly -- which could not fly. It never flew, because it never developed the strength which comes from struggling against the cocoon.

Whenever we are in the "cocoon of life" desiring freedom, we should appreciate the strength that comes from the struggle. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more excellent and eternal weight of glory," (2 Corinthians 4:17).

"The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18.

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Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of January 29

1. Who was accused of not feeding the hungry and refusing drink to the tired?
2. Who is near the broken-hearted?
3. Whose bones are described as talking to the Lord, and what do they say?
4. Find verses that describe things that God hates and what he loves (in the same verses, no long passages).
5. What happened to Judas of Galilee and his followers?
6. What did Theudas brag about?
7. What New Testament prophet predicted a widespread famine?

Answers for week of Jan. 22

1. Where is a lady described as wise, kind, strong and honorable?

Answer: Proverbs 31: 10, 25-26

10 Who can find a **virtuous woman**? for her price is far above rubies. . . .

25 **Strength** and **honour** are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. 26 She openeth her mouth with **wisdom**; and in her tongue is the law of **kindness**. 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

2. What city was referred to as the lady of kingdoms, but was perverted by thinking its evil deeds were invisible to others?

Answer: Babylon (see verses 1, 5 and 10)

Isaiah 47:1 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no

throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate. . . . 5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for **thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms**. 6 I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. 7 And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. 8 Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: 9 But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. 10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: **thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee**; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.

3. Whose wife tried to help her sons gain prominent places in the kingdom of Christ?

Answer: Zebedee's wife. Someone mentioned that the mother of Zebedee's children would not of necessity be his wife. And that is true if they were not born in wedlock. However, I think the assumption that Zebedee was married to his son's mother is justified. Anyway, that is the answer I was looking for.

(Mat 20:20-28 KJV) "Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. {21} And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

4. What woman is remembered for generosity even though she was poor?

Answer: A widow who gave all she had. . .two mites (the smallest coin used by the Jews of Jesus' day)

(Mark 12:41-44) And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. **{42} And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites,**

which make a farthing. {43} And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, **That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: {44} For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.**

(Luke 20:46-47) Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; **{47} Which devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.**

(Luke 21:1-4) And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. **{2} And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. {3} And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: {4} For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.**

5. What tearful woman became the symbol of mothers who have lost their children?

Answer: Rahel or Rachel. (Jer. 31, Mt. 2)

As the favored wife of Jacob (Israel), Rachel symbolized the mother of the chosen people. When they were taken captive, Jeremiah pictured Rachel, long dead, as weeping for her children. This also is used by Matthew to represent the anguish of the mothers in Bethlehem as the infants were slaughtered by Herod. He calls it a fulfillment of the prophet Jeremy (Jeremiah)

Ramah was a fortress of Israel where captives were collected (See Jer. 40 and other references). Rachel was buried at Bethlehem after dying in the midst of bearing Benjamin (Gen 35:16-20) And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. **{17} And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. {18} And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin. {19} And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is**

Bethlehem. **{20} And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.**

So you can see connections with the texts below. Jeremiah 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; **A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.** 16 Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

Matthew 2: 16 Then **Herod**, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and **slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under**, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. 17 **Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.**

6. What widow's sin was punished by immediate death? Answer: Sapphira. (Acts 5:5-10) And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. **{6} And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. {7} And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. {8} And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. {9} Then Peter said unto her, **How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. {10} Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.****

7. Whose foreign wife had a house built by her husband so she would not live in "the city of David"?

Answer: Solomon

(2 Chr 8:11) And **Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.**