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My Aim

by Mike Benson

Our recent bout with winter weather reminds me of a story about an old railroad conductor.

It seems that on one particularly frigid night, he was ever-so-carefully punching tickets at the entrance to a train car.



Several of the passengers were huddled outside, shivering in the cold, waiting to get on board, when suddenly one of the folks said in a rather critical tone, "You're not very popular tonight, conductor." To which the conductor calmly replied, "I'm mainly interested in being in good standing with the superintendent of this railroad."

Doing what is right is not always popular, but our primary goal ought to be to please our "Heavenly Superintendent" and not to worry so much about what other people say.

The Bible urges, "Therefore we make it our aim ... to be pleasing to Him" (1 Corinthians 5:9).

Good reader, which is more important to you: to be pleasing to God, or to be pleasing to men? Think about it.

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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 February 8

1. Where was Sherezzer sent, and for what purpose?
2. After a quartet of previously unsuccessful efforts to discourage a Jewish building project, who made his next attack by written words? (He sent a letter carrier with a fabricated written charge of rebellion, and accusations that the leader of the project had the motive of becoming a monarch himself.)
3. Find the five passages where death is described as something that is "tasted".
4. What city was told to wash its heart?
5. What two varieties of lumber were floated to King Solomon for his building project?
6. Pillars in Solomon's temple porch were named. What was the name of the one on the left?
7. Two females had stork-like wings. According to what a prophet saw, what was in their wings?

Answers for week of February 1

1. What nation was compared to a pot used for washing?

Answer: Moab

Psalms 60:8 **Moab is my washpot**; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

Psalms 108:9 **Moab is my washpot**; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

2. Whose weapon, wrapped in fabric, was given to the person who killed its original owner. (Their battle took place at the vale of Elah.)

Answer: The weapon had been Goliath's. The sword was given to David.

1Samuel 21:7-9 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul [was] there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name [was] Doeg, an Edomite, the

chiefest of the herdmen that [belonged] to Saul. 8 And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste. 9 And the priest said, **The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it [is here] wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take [it]: for [there is] no other save that here.** And David said, [There is] none like that; give it me.

3. What child was engaged in religious discussion (at the time unknown to the child's parents) and caused them to be disturbed because they did not know where he was?

Answer: Jesus

(Note from the quizzer: Mary and Joseph are both called parents in the text, though technically Joseph was not Jesus' father. Parenthood is not only a function of biological reproduction, but also of training and nurturing, and I think this passage demonstrates that idea. When he went with them, back to Nazareth, he was "subject unto them.")

Luke 2:41-49 - Now his [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. 43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the **child Jesus tarried behind** in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. 44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. 45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. 46 And it came to pass, that after three days **they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.** 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. 48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, **why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.** 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about

my Father's business? 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

4. Whose royal corpse was beheaded, displayed in enemy territory, and attached to a wall?

Answer: King Saul of Israel. This was an evident attempt to ridicule the nation of Israel by so treating the king's body, and the valiant men of Jabesh-Gilead tried to right the wrong.

1 Sam 31:5-13 - And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together 7 And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And **they cut off his head**, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people. 10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and **they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan**. 11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; 12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. 13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

5. What king had once worn the uniform of a prisoner?

Answer: Jehoiachin.

Jer 52:31-34 - And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and

twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of **Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison**, 32 And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon, 33 And **changed his prison garments**: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life. 34 And for his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

Parallel in 2Kg 25:27-30.

6. What reason seems to be behind the command that priests (Old Testament) should wear linen and not wool?

Answer: There seems to be a difference made between wool and linen, because they were not to wear anything that would cause them to sweat.

Ezek 44:17-18 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, **they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within**. 18 They shall have **linen** bonnets upon their heads, and shall have **linen** breeches upon their loins; **they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat**.

7. What Jewish priest and his sons were using the names of Jesus and Paul in attempted exorcisms?

Answer: Sceva.

Acts 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to **call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus**, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were **seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests**, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. --- I think it is humorous to think of the evil spirits saying they know Paul and Jesus. But to Sceva and his sons. . ."WHO ARE YOU!"

Welcome, visitors

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

In nursing homes: William Miller (NHC)
Hospitalized: Florence Cartwright (Nancy Harvey's mother) is in room 303 at MTMC, Murfreesboro.

Nancy's daughter-in-law Roberta Harvey fell due to recent ice on her steps and broke her ankles. Surgery was required.

Shut in - Laura Singleton; Melissa Dickerson.

James Mason has been sick this week with what he described as near-pneumonia.

Our deep sympathy is expressed to the Conner family due to the death of Junior's sister-in-law, Mary Ellen (Nicki) Conner. Visitation will be at High Funeral Home in McMinnville 11-9 Monday and 10-2 Tuesday, with the funeral at 2 PM. Burial will be at Unity Church Cemetery in Warren County.

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. We have distributed several items of food recently for needs that were presented.

In the Bible Bowl at West Sparta, TJ represented us well. Next month we will be at Morrison for the final competition on Luke 21-24.

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Feb	1	20	31	25	17	\$514
Jan	25	21	30	18	12	\$719
Jan	18	15	24	18	16	\$780
Jan	11	16	21	16	9	\$534

They Don't Pray By J. Randal Matheny

All those who behave wickedly do not understand - those who devour my people as if they were eating bread, and do not call out to the Lord. Psalm 14:4 NET

We think of failing to pray, of calling out to the Lord, as an oversight. A slip-up. One of those items we didn't check off our list. Important, sure, but like a lot of other things we didn't get around to doing today.

But tomorrow we'll make time for it. So we tell ourselves. So we lie to ourselves. So we justify ourselves to God.

The Lord looks down from heaven to see if anyone is seeking him. How he must be disappointed over and over again!

To God, not praying is part of the extreme evil of his people. None righteous. They rip off their fellow Christians. They're practical atheists. They don't even pray! (Read verses 1-3.)

Failure to pray is evil, for without prayer we attempt to do things on our own power.

Without prayer, we seek our own way. Without prayer, we are the gods of our own lives, the very idols we have set up to worship. Without prayer, we attempt the change we want to see in ourselves and our world. Without prayer, we are lost, weak, without direction, without power, without understanding. Without prayer, we are evil to the core.

What's your prayer today?

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Assignments	February 8	February 15
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	Ken Thomas
Table service (center)	Steve Miller	Tim Waldron
(center)	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
(outside)	Wayne Gannon	Steve Miller
(outside)	T J Waldron	Ernie Green
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose