



Beech Grove Church of Christ

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Stormy Winds

Job 1:19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

Our state and others have been devastated by the high winds that came through this week. Several of my friends were staying in Jackson during the Freed-Hardeman lectureship, and some of them were less than a half mile from Union University when it was devastated by the storm. Closer to home a child was found, injured, but still alive. Its mother had died in the storm. Several have lost their relatives. The fortunate ones only lost their houses and their earthly goods which can be replaced.

These events are sad and disturbing. But even with the tragedy there is opportunity.

. . . There are opportunities for God's people to show their hearts of love and generosity toward the victims.

. . . There are opportunities to illustrate the very frailty of our lives and our need to be safe in the arms of Jesus.

. . . There is motivation to tell people about Christ's redeeming love and offer of salvation before life is brought to an end.

May God help us to do all we can to be lights in a day of darkness, and to warn people to turn to God. At the same time let us be generous to the victims of the storms.

Ken Thomas

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

(Wording is based on KJV)
by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of February 10

1. What is described as great and terrible and holy?
2. What animal has a gloriously terrible nose?
3. Who sailed on a ship (against his will), perceiving that the trip would be calamitous and in his judgment would result in fatalities?
4. What animal is used to illustrate why one should not be a meddler in a "fuss" that is not his, but just sees in passing?
5. Introductory statements. . . Pilate thought that washing would get the "blood" of Jesus off his own hands.. The people replied that the "blood" of Jesus could be borne by them and their children. What happened later to provoke an apostle to announce that the blood of some Jews was on their own heads?
6. Where can we put valuables to protect them, a place that is moth-proof, rust-proof, and protected against break-ins?
7. What Psalm refers to the benefit of divine affliction upon the writer? The verses where the information is contained is within the span of ten verses.

Answers for week of February 3

1. Where did prisoners (escapees) find warm hospitality despite cold rainy weather?
Answer: Melita (Malta). The prisoners included Paul who was on his way to Rome. After a shipwreck, the prisoners and those guarded them "escaped" from the sea safely to land. (References for 1 and 2 are together below)
2. What island leader gave three-day lodging to a man who eventually provided physical healing for the leader's father as well as others.
Answer: Publius. He was the chief man on Melita, and Paul healed his father of fever and a bloody flux. See vs.7-10. (Acts 27:42-44) "And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. {43} But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: {44} And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land."
(Acts 28:1-10) "**And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita. {2} And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.** {3} And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

{4} And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. {5} And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. {6} Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god. {7} **In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously. {8} And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. {9} So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed: {10} Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary."**

3. In three books of the New Testament, salvation, antichrists and mockers are all described in reference to a "time" concept. What is the adjective that describes the "time"?

Answer: "Last". (Remember that the language of the KJV is always used for questions relating to wording in these questions.)

(1 Pet 1:5) "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto **salvation** ready to be revealed in the **last time.**"

(1 John 2:18) "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even **now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.**"

(Jude 1:17-18) "But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; {18} How that they told you there should be **mockers in the last time**, who should walk after their own **ungodly lusts.**"

4. What powerful nation was made desolate for 40 years and its people scattered by God among other nations? They eventually were restored to their original land as a low-ranking kingdom?

Answer: Egypt. (I must confess that the fact expressed in this question NEVER settled in my head until I found this text for use as a question source. I will now have to study the implications and time frame of this.)

Consider in particular verses 12-14.

(Ezek 29:6-16) "And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. {7} When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand. {8} Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee. {9} And

the **land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste**; and they shall know that I am the LORD: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it. {10} Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia. {11} No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. {12} **And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. {13} Yet thus saith the Lord GOD; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered: {14} And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathos, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom. {15} It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. {16} And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth their iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I am the Lord GOD."**

5. What prophet spoke of those who were so eager to commit evil that they used "two hands" in the process? (This is in the context of men in power looking for favors to be given.)

Answer: The prophet Micah - Micah 7:3 You will notice that the prince, the judge, and the "great" man expressed their covetous attitudes so they could do evil with BOTH hands EARNESTLY! What eagerness to sin! I have included the context so we could all read of the rampant evil and the shortage of virtue in Micah's day.

(Micah 7:1-6) "Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit. {2} The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. {3} **That they may do evil with both hands earnestly**, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up. {4} The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity. {5} Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. {6} For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house."

6. What word, according to human tradition, could be said by someone who wanted to be free from the obligation to help his parents with their needs?

Answer: Corban. This word, which means "a gift" (devoted to God), was used by those who claimed that all their resources were dedicated to the service of God, and thus none was available to needy parents. This is a case of using GOD as an cover-up for covetousness and selfishness. An examination of Mt. 27:6 shows that Korban referred to the treasury for religious work, and that is the reason the silver returned by Judas could not be returned to the "treasury" because it was "blood money" (obviously NOT devoted to God!)

(Mark 7:6-13) "He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. {7} Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. {8} For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. {9} And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. {10} For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: {11} But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. {12} And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; {13} Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye."

7. What is the common object that is related to all these Biblical topics: Pharaoh's baker, Aaron's bread, offering of firstfruits, Gideon's meat, the heads of 70 corpses, figs, summer fruit, leftover food, and an escaping Christian?

Answer: Basket

Pharaoh's baker dreamed of having three baskets on his head (Gen 40:16-17) "When the chief **baker** saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had **three white baskets** on my head: {17} And in the uppermost **basket** there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the **basket** upon my head."

Aaron's bread. (Exo 29:32) "And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the **bread that is in the basket**, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation." (Lev 8:2) "Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;" **offerings of firstfruits.**

(Deu 26:1-4) {2} That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a **basket**, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there. {3} And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come

unto the country which the LORD swore unto our fathers for to give us. {4} And the priest shall take the **basket** out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God."

Gideon's meat. (flesh)

(Judg 6:19) "And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the **flesh he put in a basket**, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it."

The head of 70 corpses. Jehu had Ahab's 70 sons slain. Their heads were put in baskets.

(2 Ki 10:6-8) "Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up. {7} And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their **heads in baskets**, and sent him them to Jezreel. {8} And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning."

figs

(Jer 24:1-2) "The LORD showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. {2} One **basket had very good figs**, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad."

summer fruit

(Amos 8:1-2) "Thus hath the Lord GOD showed unto me: and behold a **basket of summer fruit**. {2} And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A **basket of summer fruit**. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more."

leftover food.

(Mat 14:20-21) "And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the **fragments that remained twelve baskets full**. {21} And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children."

(Mark 6:43-44) "And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. {44} And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men."

(Mat 15:36-38) "And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. {37} And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left **seven baskets full**. {38} And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children."

escaping Christian

(Acts 9:23-25) "And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: {24} But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. {25} Then the disciples took him by night, and **let him down by the wall in a basket**."

(2 Cor 11:32-33) "In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: {33} And **through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands**."

Bible Bowl -Our youth brought back the red ribbon, missing only one question. They also got the memory verse almost perfect. We begin today studying the last four chapters of Genesis.

Prayer Needs and Requests

Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation and our friends and relatives: **Nick Graham's father** (lung cancer) ;Jessie Pearl Green's brothers:**Arlin Mesick** with kidney cancer **Jerry Mesick** with lung cancer.); **William Miller** was in the hospital earlier in the week, but is back at NHC; **Jackie Hafer** got home Wednesday, doing well after a defibrillator was installed. **Laura Singleton** confined at home; **Doris Mason** has been in the MTMC with pneumonia this week. She seemed improved and was hoping to get home this weekend.

For the record:	01/13	01/20	1/27	02/03
Bible Study	14	16	16	15
AM Worship	16	26	27	24
PM Worship	18	19	21	25
Wed. Bible Study	13	20	21	19
Contribution	\$483	\$700	\$594	\$603

Assignments	February 10	February 17
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)	Andy Miller	Joe Green
(outside)	Ken Thomas	Steve Miller
(outside)	Wayne Gannon	Nick Graham
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose

If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner