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"I Thought"

by Ed Smithson

Naaman was a "captain of the host of the King of Syria" (2 Kings 5:1). His problem was his leprosy, a deplorable and incurable disease with which he was plagued. He was fortunate to have a little Jewish girl as a slave who wanted to get him help and persuaded him to seek it in Israel. There was a little bobble because he went to the king instead of the prophet, but that is another story.

When the prophet Elisha heard about it, he had Naaman sent to him, and when he arrived, told him what to do to cleanse his leprosy.

Naaman was angry! He thought the prophet would come out, make a big production and recover his health. When you read that story and remember the malady would kill him, you think he was absolutely silly. But was he any different?

Today, people think they should be able to dictate how they are saved and what they should do, even though God is our creator and Savior and retains for himself that right.

"I think," says one, "that one can be saved without baptism." "There is nothing to it and it should not be required."

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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

(Wording is based on KJV)

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of February 17

1. What very angry young man listened for quite a while before venting his pent up words against four older men who had been disputing?
2. Question: Who was the high priest in dirty clothes who was given a change of clothes to wear?
3. Often Saul is named as the first king of Israel, but who became a king of Israel before Saul reigned?
4. What was the solemn promise in which a person (either female or male) pledged not to eat raisins?
5. What was always on the promised land from the first to the last of the year?
6. A riddle of sorts . . . What kind of special event was preceded by bidding and is discussed in terms of the elevation level of various rooms?
7. What two military men were found to be missing in a census following the killing of twenty enemies and the occurrence of an earthquake?

Answers for week of February 10

1. What is described as great and terrible and holy?

Answer: The name of God

(Psa 99:1-3) "The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. {2} The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. {3} Let them praise **thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.**"

The word "terrible" is used in the sense of "to fear" or morally, to "revere". Both "terrible" and "reverend" are from the same Hebrew word, (yare).

(Psa 111:9-10) "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: **holy and reverend is his name.** {10} The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever."

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2. What animal has a gloriously terrible nose?

Answer: the horse

(Job 39:19-22) "Hast thou given **the horse** strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? {20} Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the **glory of his nostrils is terrible.** {21} He paweth in the valley, and

rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men. {22} He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword."

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3. Who sailed on a ship (against his will), perceiving that the trip would be calamitous and in his judgment would result in fatalities?

Answer: The apostle Paul in his journey as a prisoner headed to Rome. He predicted that the normal stormy weather at the time of sailing would cause a loss of ship, cargo, and lives. Fortunately for him and many others, the Lord spared the lives of Paul and the others on the ship, thus his expected death in the sea did not happen.

(Acts 27:9-22) "Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, **Paul admonished them,** {10} And said unto them, Sirs, **I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.** {11} Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul. {12} And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west. {13} And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete. {14} But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon. {15} And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive. {16} And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat: {17} Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, struck sail, and so were driven. {18} And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship; {19} And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship. {20} And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. {21} But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, **Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.** {22} And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship."

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?

Answer: A dog

Proverbs 26:17 **He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.**

Obviously the proverb is designed to persuade us to mind our own business and to stay out of a fight we have no stake in. We might get hurt ourselves, as well as causing pain to others.

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?

Answer: Paul had been teaching in the synagogue in Corinth. In response to the message that Jesus was Christ (Messiah), these **Jews in their rejection of the message not only placed themselves in opposition to Paul, but they also blasphemed.** Paul's response was to announce that they had been duly warned, and were therefore responsible for their own destiny. Their OWN blood was on their heads.

In spite of Paul's statement that he would turn to the Gentiles (to teach them), the Lord informed Paul that he would protect Paul while he was in Corinth. He taught there for eighteen months.

(Acts 18:1-11) "After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; {2} And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. {3} And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. {4} And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. {5} And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. {6} **And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads;** I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. {7} And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. {8} And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing

believed, and were baptized. {9} Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: {10} For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. {11} And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them."

6. Where can we put valuables to protect them, a place that is moth-proof, rust-proof, and protected against break-ins?

Answer: Heaven

(Mat 6:19-21) "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: {20} **But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:** {21} For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Luke 12:33-34) "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. {34} For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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.

Answer: Psalm 119. See verses 67, 71, and 75

Affliction had motivated the writer to return from straying and to keep the word of God. It played a role in his learning the statutes of God The divine affliction on him was evidence of God's faithfulness and right judgments

(Psa 119:66-75) "Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments. {67} **Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.** {68} Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. {69} The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. {70} Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law. {71} **It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.** {72} The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. {73} JOD. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. {74} They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word. {75} I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that **thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me."**

Prayer Needs and Requests

So many were sick last week! (Only 6 were here Wednesday night, and two of those were visitors.) Most were sick with upset stomachs and other flu-like symptoms. On the sick list last week were Steve and Wanda Miller, Vadna Trail, T J and Debbie Waldron, Junior and Ann Conner, the Masons, Iva Rose, Melissa Dickerson and perhaps others. Maria Curl and her children had been sick the previous week. 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 is back at NHC; . Laura Singleton is still confined at home;. If any have been missed it was not intentional.

("I Thought" continued)

God says, "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38), "which also after a true likeness doth now save you, [even] baptism" (1 Peter 3:21).

Another says, "I should not have to stay married if it doesn't work out. I should be able to find someone more compatible."

God says, "from the beginning it hath not been so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and he that marrieth her when she is put away committeth adultery" (Matthew 19:8-9).

Then another says, "Since the New Testament does not address instrumental music in worship, we can use it as we please."

God says, "Now these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes; that in us ye might learn not [to go] beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other" (1 Corinthians 4:6).

"I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (1 Corinthians 14:15).

All you have to do is ask what God says, not what he did not say!

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For the record:	01/20	1/27	02/03	02/10
Bible Study	16	16	15	15
AM Worship	26	27	24	22
PM Worship	19	21	25	17
Wed. Bible Study	20	21	19	6
Contribution	\$700	\$594	\$603	\$1471

Assignments	February 17	February 24
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Andy Miller
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas
(center)	Joe Green	Andy Miller
(outside)	Steve Miller	Daniel Green
(outside)	Nick Graham	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	Junior Conner
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		

