



Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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Are You Listening?

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long distance communication, a young man applied for a job as a Morse Code operator. Answering an ad in the newspaper, he went to the office that was listed. When he arrived, he entered a large, busy office filled with noise and clatter, including the sound of the telegraph in the background. A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office. The young man filled out his form and sat down with the seven other applicants in the waiting area.

After a few minutes.... the young man stood up, crossed the room to the door of the inner office, and walked right in. Naturally the other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on. They muttered among themselves that they hadn't heard any summons yet. They assumed that the young man who went into the office made a mistake and would be disqualified.

Within a few minutes, however, the employer escorted the young man out of the office and said to the other applicants, "Gentlemen, thank you for coming, but the job has just been filled."

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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 March 16

1. Who said he would stand up on his watch to determine what would be said to him?
2. By what means did 400 young males of Amalek escape David's successful raid to recover property that had been taken?
3. Before David's raid, how were the invaders celebrating their victory and the spoils they had taken from Judah and Philistia?
4. Why were only 2/3 of David's men actively involved in the successful recovery of the spoils?
5. A certain man killed a wild animal in mid-pit while it was the season for snowing. What other deed of his involved a tall Egyptian?
6. What prophet spoke of a nation that was being oppressed by youngsters, governed by females, and led into error?
7. What two activities were considered sinful by the Pharisees, but were justified by Jesus, using an incomplete quote from Hosea 6:6

Answers for week of March 9

1. An Old Testament prophet condemned other prophets that led people into error, and warned that visions and divination and answers from God would no longer illuminate them. Instead they would be embarrassed and confused because they would be in spiritual darkness, a time of prophetic "sundown." Who was that prophet who claimed to be fully powered by God's spirit, in contrast to the ones who were not warning people about their sins?

Answer: Micah

(Micah 3:5-8) "Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite

with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. {6} Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. {7} Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God. {8} But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin."

2. What priest spoke of a married couple loaning something to God? Also, what was loaned?

Answer: Eli was the priest, whose words were recorded regarding Samuel the prophet. Elkanah and Hannah were blessed by Eli with the request to God that other "seed" would come along, given to them because of **Samuel, the son that had been "loaned" to God.** (1 Samuel 2:20)

Hannah's plea:

(1 Sam 1:26-28) "And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. {27} For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: {28} Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there."

Eli's blessing:

(1 Sam 2:18-21) "But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. {19} Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. {20} And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home. {21} And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD."

One person wrote, "I had never really thought

about Samuel being a prophet. Guess we learn something new all the time." Here are the scriptures that affirm that fact: (1 Sam 3:20) ". . . Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD." (1 Chr 29:29) "Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer . . ." (2 Chr 35:18) ". . . the days of Samuel the prophet. . ." (Acts 13:20) "And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet."

3. What structure contained a "shooting" bar?

Answer: The tabernacle. A middle bar "shot through" the boards. As I visualize this, I see a horizontal bar tying vertical boards together on each side of the tabernacle.

(Exo 36:31-33) "And he made bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, {32} And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward. {33} And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other."

4. What did God shoot out?

Answers: "arrows", lightnings

Punishment upon the wicked compared to an arrow from God.: (Psa 64:7) "But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded."

(Psa 18:13-14) "The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire. {14} Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them."

(Psa 144:5-6) "Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. {6} Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them."

5. The psalmist speaks of scorners who shot something out. What was it?

Answer: The lip Prov. 22:7

(Psa 22:6-8) "But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. {7} All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, {8} He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let

him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him."

6. What nation was described (in a comparison) as being so weak that it could not be leaned upon for support? The danger of trusting this "ally" was compared to experiencing a manual piercing.
Answer: Egypt. To lean on Egypt was to lean on a weak reed that would break and pierce the hand.

II Kings 18:20-21; Isaiah 36:6.

"Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him" (II Kings 18:20-21).

"Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him" (Isaiah 36:6).

7. Who announced the presence of a dangerous feline in the roadway?

Answer: The slothful man

(Prov 22:13) "The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets."

(Prov 26:13-15) "The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets. {14} As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed. {15} The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth."

Actually in this case we wonder if there was *really* a lion out there, or if this was just the slothful person's excuse to stay in the bed!

Also acceptable. . . One of the sons of the prophets

(1 Ki 20:35-36) "And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him. {36} Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him."

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The other applicants began grumbling to each other, and one spoke up saying, "Wait a minute, I don't understand. He was the LAST to come in, and we never got a chance to be interviewed. Yet HE got the job. That's not fair!"

The employer said, "I'm sorry, but the last several minutes while you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in! The job is yours.' NONE of you heard it or understood it. This young man did - AND - he responded to the message! The job is his."*

There is a lot of noise and clatter in the world today. Confusion booms with the multitude of sounds, all of them beckoning for our attention. Yet in ALL of this clamor, God is calling US through His Word. He is inviting us into a relationship with Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ. He is calling us to faith (Hebrews 11:6), repentance (Acts 17:31), confession (Romans 10:9-10), baptism for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), AND a life of faithfulness to His revealed Will (1 John 1:7).

Are YOU listening? Will you answer His call?

(This article has been reproduced in many places, but the author's name is not attached. The article is obviously very old.)

Local and Area Notices

Wayne Gannon is teaching the adult midweek class this month in Ken's absence.

Prayer Needs and Requests

Ann Conner is still in pain from her knee replacement. Junior seems almost well. Junior's sister-in-law, Nicki Conner is in VA Hospital for Bronchitis/pneumonia, and his brother-in-law Ken Gilley is in the hospital in McMinnville. Jackie Hafer's fluid problems seem to be under control, but the MRSA. Is proving to be stubborn and two medicines seem not to be working for her. David Graham is being treated at Hope Center at Vanderbilt during the week and will be at Nick's house this weekend. Jessie Pearl Green's brothers, Arlin Mesick and Jerry Mesick continue to need prayer due to their cancer. William Miller continues his dialysis at NHC. Laura Singleton is in Tullahoma's Harton hospital nursing section.

Pray regularly for these as well as the family of young Chase Donnell, a ten year old who recently died of cancer. He attended Sharpesville with his grandparents when Ken preached there.

For the record:	02/17	02/24	03/02	03/09
Bible Study	14	15	15	15
AM Worship	20	27	24	27
PM Worship	24	27	23	22
Wed. Bible Study	23	16	13	18
Contribution	\$560	\$568	\$481	\$458

Assignments	March 16	March 23
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Steve Miller	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Steve Miller	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Steve Miller
(center)	Nick Graham	Andy Miller
(outside)	Daniel Green	Tim Waldron
(outside)	T J Waldron	Junior Conner
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		