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Solo Worship?

by Tim Hall

Human nature remains fairly constant through the ages. Though outward trappings may differ from one era to the next, the souls inside the skin bear remarkable resemblance to one another. This is one reason the Bible is universally applicable.

Ours is not the first age that values "alone time." We must be around others in many settings of our lives. When it comes time to worship, why not do it alone? After all, isn't religion all about God and me?

Moses addressed that issue when outlining acceptable worship for Israel. Consider these instructions: "And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide ..." (Deuteronomy 14:23, NKJV). This command constituted a hardship for those who lived a great distance away. Were distant worshipers exempted from this regulation?

"But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe ... then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand and go to the place which the Lord your God chooses" (Deuteronomy 14:24,25). The money thus gained from the sale would be used to purchase suitable offerings once the traveler reached God's designated place of worship.

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Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM

Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM
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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 23

1. Who told an ailing king that a prophet had informed him that the king should get well, but the next day this same man killed the king . . .and then the killer became the king?
2. Give the reference in which a man asks the one he loves NOT to look him in the eye because of the overcoming power of her eyes. Then from the same context describe the woman's hair.
3. Two part question: What did a dozen men have on their shoulders (one for each) when they preceded the ark at a river crossing? And for what were these "burdens" used afterward?
4. Where would we read of disrespect for a day of diminutive things?
5. What would the Lord remove in the same day that people would call their neighbors under vines and trees?
- 6.. Just for fun. . . By what loose interpretation could the following passage be related to a highly publicized pro football event that occurs on a Sunday? (Zec 4:2) "And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:"
7. Calculate using figures given for the ages of men from Adam to Noah (at the time of their son's birth). If Adam had lived long enough, how old was he at the time Noah was born?

Answers for week of March 16

1. Who said he would stand up on his watch to determine what would be said to him?

Answer: Habakkuk

(Hab 2:1-4) "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. {2} And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. {3} For the

vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. {4} Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith."

Answers for the next three questions were in 1 Sam. 30.

2. By what means did 400 young males of Amalek escape David's successful raid to recover property that had been taken?

Answer: on camels

{17} And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

3. Before David's raid, how were the invaders celebrating their victory and the spoils they had taken from Judah and Philistia?

Answer: Eating, drinking, dancing

{16} And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

4. Why were only 2/3 of David's men actively involved in the successful recovery of the spoils?

Answer: 200 of the 600 were too tired to go to the other side of the Brook Besor. (Some translations indicate that this was a ravine or wady, perhaps wet only in rainy weather.) We learn that they remained behind with the baggage. Verses 10 & 24. It is interesting that David insisted that they be allowed to share equally with the ones who went to battle.

{9} So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. {10} But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor. . .

{21} And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and

when David came near to the people, he saluted them.

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?

Answer: The "certain man", **Benaiah**, not only went into the midst of a pit on a snowy day to kill a lion, but he also **killed two "lion like" Moabites and a 5-cubits-tall Egyptian**. (A conservative equivalent for cubit is 18 inches, so this Egyptian fellow must have been at least 7'6" tall!). He disarmed the Egyptian and used the spear of the Egyptian to kill him.

(2 Sam 23:20-21) "And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lionlike men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow: {21} And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear."

Note: The word "goodly" also means large and/or tall.

(1 Chr 11:22-23) "Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day. {23} And he slew **an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high**; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear."

6. What prophet spoke of a nation that was being oppressed by youngsters, governed by females, and led into error?

Answer: Isaiah

(Isa 3:10-13) "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. {11} Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. {12} As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. {13} The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people."

7. What two activities were considered sinful by the Pharisees, but were justified by Jesus, using an incomplete quote from Hosea 6:6

Answer: First of all, the part of Hosea 6:6 that Jesus quoted in this regard is the first part, "For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."

1. The Pharisees found fault when Jesus ate with publicans and sinners Matt. 9: 11

2. Pharisees also found fault when the disciples gathered and ate corn (grain) on the sabbath day Mat. 12:2

In each case Jesus amplified his reply by indicating that the Pharisees needed to learn about mercy and God's desire for mercy even above sacrifice. In their zeal to enforce the law (as they understood it) they had completely ignored the principle of mercy. To make his point even clearer, Jesus added the healing of a man's withered hand to the day's events, further upsetting the Pharisee opposition. Mat.12:10-14 (Mat 9:10-13) "And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. {11} And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? {12} But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. {13} But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

(Mat 12:1-8) "At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. {2} But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. {3} But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; {4} How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? {5} Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple

profane the sabbath, and are blameless? {6} But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. {7} But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. {8} For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day."

Prayer Needs and Requests

It was good to see Ann and Junior back last week. Jackie Hafer continues to be treated for her infection at St. Thomas. David Graham had to go to the emergency room Saturday (Vanderbilt). 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 at the Harton Hospital nursing care section. Pray for these.

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It seems clear from such instructions that God values community worship. Though people are tempted to nurture a relationship with God in isolation from others, that has never been God's desire. Even when worship was conducted in only one earthly location, the Lord still commanded his people to come together.

Has anything changed since the days of Moses? Some things have. We live under a different covenant, one that makes no mention of animal sacrifices or annual pilgrimages to selected locations. But when worship is discussed in the new covenant, God still expects worshipers to assemble.

"Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread . . .," Luke wrote in Acts 20:7. He recorded for our instruction the practice of the earliest Christians. "Therefore when you come together in one place . . ." Paul wrote as he gave instructions regarding the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:20).

There is an underlying assumption in the epistles that Christians will come together to offer their worship to God.

Some, however, demurred from the standard. They chose not to gather when other Christians did. The following words address their attitude: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

It would be much simpler if we could eliminate troubling relationships with others and focus only on God in our worship. But that's not God's way. There is value in coming together as a family. Those who seek to practice solo religion miss those benefits. They also violate the will of the one they claim to worship.

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For the record:	02/24	03/02	03/09	03/16
Bible Study	15	15	15	9
AM Worship	27	24	27	17
PM Worship	27	23	22	26
Wed. Bible Study	16	13	18	13
Contribution	\$568	\$481	\$458	\$443

Assignments	March 23	March 30
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Joe Green	Ken Thomas
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Steve Miller	Ken Thomas
(center)	Andy Miller	Joe Green
(outside)	Tim Waldron	Daniel Green
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	T J Waldron
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		