



Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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"Nobody Wears Shoes"

by Ken Thomas

Two men were assigned to sell shoes to a remote backward people. As they sent in their reports, one man explained his lack of success with the complaint with this excuse: "Nobody wears shoes here." The other man reported his success in glowing terms, and then said, "This is the best territory I ever had! Nobody wore shoes before I came, but now they do!"

Why the difference? The potential customers were greatly alike, but the salesmen had differing attitudes. Rather than lamenting that no one will buy genuine Christianity, let us see the great void that needs to be filled in people's lives, and take the gospel to a lost and dying world. Love will find a way to reach the lost.

I thank God for brethren who are searching for ways to reach the lost, and I am thankful that we have such great opportunities here. The gospel is broadcast on radio, TV, and the internet. Tracts are available, along with the House to House mailout. There are people who are searching. Who will take the time to teach them, to encourage their interest, or even to give them a ride to services?

Jesus said, "Look on the fields; for they are white already for harvest."

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 April 5

1. According to an Old Testament prophet, what is said about the righteousness which was formerly done by a person who has since turned away from it and become wicked?
2. What fruit was used in the proverbial argument of an Israelite when he wanted to prove the idea that a child inherits his daddy's sin, and what does the prophet say that the Lord thought of that argument?
3. How can the things we say be a "minister of grace"?
4. What were the circumstances that had caused people to mortgage their real estate and go in debt to pay their "royal taxes"?
5. What men of Ephrath married Moabite women?
6. If I am a friend of the world, what else am I?
7. How are the tools of one who cuts wood compared to common attitudes of rebellion and boastfulness?

Answers for week of March 22

1. It is God's will that we give thanks, but to what limit? (Check the "give thanks" passages.)

Answer: There is no limit. We are to give thanks for ever, in everything.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 **In every thing give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Ephesians 1:15,16 “. . . I . . . cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;”

Psalms 30:11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; 12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, **I will give thanks unto thee for ever.**

Psalms 79:13 So we thy people and sheep of thy

pasture **will give thee thanks for ever:** we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

Other related verses: Col 1:3; 1 Th 1:2; 2 Th 2:13 Also, in the grave there is no "giving of thanks".

Psa 6:5-For in death [there is] no remembrance of thee: **in the grave who shall give thanks?**

2. Flies in distant Egyptian rivers and Assyrian bees represent the armies that would invade and land in deserted valleys, empty holes in rocks, and on plants. How would God summon them?

Answer: Hiss.

(Isa 7:17-20) The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria. 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that **the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.** 19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes. 20 In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

Some versions use the word "whistle" instead of "hiss". In this graphic passage the Lord threatens his people with an attack from distant nations that will come to punish His people for their sins.

According to Adam Clark bees were drawn forth from their hives by their keepers using a whistle or hiss and then drawn back again to the hive in the same way. Interesting.

3. What mourning father was accused of loving his enemies and hating his friends?

Answer: David, when he was mourning the death of Absalom. The accuser was Joab.

(2 Sam 18:33) "And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

(2 Sam 19:1-8) "And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. . . . 4 But

the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son! 5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; 6 In that **thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends.** For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

4. What tiring practice is associated with a product that is produced "without end"?

Answer: Much study. Many books are made, and much study certainly is tiring.

(Eccl 12:1) And further, by these, my son, be admonished: **of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.**

Another answer: The tiring practice is weeping or crying

Ps 69:3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

The product of weeping that is produced without end is 'tears'

Jer.14:17 Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

5. If God were desirous of food, why would he not inform his people of that? Find a reference in Psalms.

Answer: Because the world is His and the fulness found in it (i.e. He already has all the food!) What we have is given to us by God, so He does not need what we have. Nevertheless He has given the privilege of returning a portion of our means to support the spread of His cause and the preaching of the gospel. We need the blessing of that giving. He wants US, not only what we have.

Psalm 50:12 - **"If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof."**

6. Pasture lands are dressed, and God covers the low lands between the hills (which seem happy!) What two kinds of covering are provided by the Lord?

Answer: The pastures are clothed with flocks and the valleys with corn (grain).

What a beautiful passage describing the rich provision of God is Ps 65:9-13:

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. 10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. 12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side. 13 **The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn;** they shout for joy, they also sing.

7. Find three doors mentioned in the early part of Revelation. If you would like, explain the significance of each.

Answers:

1. Door opened for the church in Philadelphia which no man could shut.

2. Door upon which Jesus knocks, asking entrance and eat with the one inside.

3. Door in heaven through which John heard an invitation to come up and see things that would happen later.

Rev 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an **open door, and no man can shut it:** for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Rev 3:20 Behold, **I stand at the door, and knock:** if any man hear my voice, and **open the door,** I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, **a door was opened in heaven:** and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, **Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.**

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Military connections: Andy Miller family in Japan; Drew and Adam Thomas. Shut ins: Laura Singleton at home, and William Miller at NHC in Murfreesboro. Joe Nichols, brother of Ann and Charlene, was still in MTMC this week. Sister Doris Mason was back with us this week. Several have been fighting sinus infections and upper respiratory problems. Melissa Dickerson still needs our prayers regarding her surgery and recovery. We were glad to see Marie Crowell back safe from her European trip. Stephanie Floyd and Travis Calhoun got married this week in Kissimmee, FL, and we wish them well. (Heather Waldron got to take her first plane ride to be with them!)

Welcome, visitors

Let us know how we may serve you. We are glad that we are frequently blessed with visitors. Most of the time visitors are familiar with what to expect in our services, but if you have any questions why we do as we do, feel free to ask.

Food Pantry - Please continue a sustained effort to bring items. If you know of a pressing need for food please let it be known.

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Mar	29	15	26	25	19	\$841
Mar	22	15	21	25	13	\$705
Mar	15	17	24	18	12	\$619
Mar	8	17	23	17	17	\$686

Where is God?

by Ken Thomas

In Acts 17 Paul declared that the maker of heaven and earth "dwelleth not in temples made with hands," but He is not far from us (Acts 17:24 Acts 17:27). King Solomon in dedicating the temple of Israel knew that his people would pray facing the temple (1 Kings 8:29-30). He also implied that if they were away from the city of Jerusalem that they would pray facing the holy city and land (1 Kings 8:44, I Kings 8:48). (Daniel 6:10 is an example of this).

But Solomon knew that God cannot be contained in a house, even as magnificent as the temple was. Therefore he asked God to "hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest, forgive" (1 Kings 8:30). Take your Bible and mark all the references in chapter 8 that beseech God to "hear in heaven."

Where is God's temple now? "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Unquestionably God dwells in heaven, but he also dwells in his people (Christians). Are we living as a holy dwelling of God, or are we "unfit for habitation?" Think about it!

Assignments	April 5	April 12
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	Ken Thomas	James Mason
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Steve Miller
(center)	Daniel Green	Tim Waldron
(outside)	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
(outside)	Steve Miller	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	Junior Conner