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To Which You Were Delivered

by J. Randal Matheny

As we waited for some non-Christian friends to come to the house last night, I watched Roy Davison's seminar, "Can We Be the Church of the New Testament?"/1 Roy showed the pattern that existed in both the Old and New Testaments. God expects us to do things a certain way.

April 29, 2007



Schedule This Week

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

Home

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Visitors

Always

Welcome

In one important passage, Roy brought out an insight I'd never noticed: "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered" (Romans 6:17 NKJV; see also ESV and NET).

Paul throws us a strange concept here: "that form of doctrine to which you were delivered." We would have expected him to speak of that form of doctrine which had been committed or delivered to us. And so some versions translate it. But that's not what Paul wrote. What did he mean by our having been committed or delivered to a form of doctrine?

Paul has been using the metaphor of slavery. "Do you not know that if you present yourselves as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or obedience resulting in righteousness?" (verse 16). When one obeys that form of teaching which is the gospel, one is delivered over to it as a slave, a servant, placed under its care and supervision. A change of hands takes place. (Cont. on back)

Assignments	April 29	May 6
Song leader (SS)	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Joe Green	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Wayne Gannon	Joe Green
(center)	Ken Thomas	Nick Graham
(outside)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
(outside)	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Junior Conner

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

James Mason had oral surgery Thursday, having a dead tooth removed and some bone work done. Malignancy had been a concern, but it was not found. Sisters Jessie Pearl Green, Laura Singleton, and Rosemary Messick were all able to be at Beech Grove last Sunday. Brandy Miller's cousin, Wesley Cardwell, a car accident victim, is still at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. Cards may be sent to a home address at 641 Loyd Boynton Road, 37255. Steve Miller, Vadna Trail, Wayne Gannon's brother, Robert, the Conners, and many others who have been dealing with regular problems need our prayers. Continue to remember Evelyn Klingler and Effie Bryant and family in prayers.

We still have several "Think" magazines, free for the taking. Subscription forms are also available.

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We are delivered over to the liberating power of God in the gospel.

The result, Paul says, is that we are "freed from sin" now to become "enslaved to righteousness" (verse 18). This is why we must beware of those who would change the pattern of New Testament teaching. For if

that form of doctrine is changed, we continue in our sins and remain slaves to unrighteousness.

Our friends arrived shortly after Roy's lesson finished on the DVD, and I told them this truth.

1/ The Strathmore congregation in Toronto has placed the five-lesson seminar on two DVDs. They provide it free. Ask for it at <http://www.strathmorecofc.ca/>.

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Our Gospel Meeting is planned for the fourth Sunday in July. Plan to be here, and tell your friends and neighbors.

John Bush is scheduled to speak, and workers from Mt. Juliet are planning to help us publicize it.

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
03/25	10	32	21	\$524.50	16
04/01	15	32	16	\$446.75	17
04/08	18	47*	17	\$563.25	17
04/15	15	19	14	\$660.00	13
04/22	15	31	14	\$514.25	15
Goals	35	45*	36		35



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of April 29, 2006

1. In a chapter describing the evil deeds and the destiny of the king of Babylon, what is said about the children (descendants) of those who do evil?
2. Whose name refers to what was probably an extraordinarily painful birth for his mother? (He is best known today for a brief prayerful request that God granted to him.)
3. Who in his thirtieth year of life received from a powerful ruler all of these: jewelry, fine clothing, transportation, governing authority, a new name, and a spouse? Name him by his NEW name and also find his wife's name.
4. According to an Old Testament passage, what did the Lord care for and watch over from the first to the last of the year ?
5. Who was king of Israel for a couple of years after the death of Saul?
6. What other nation had a King Saul before Israel ever had a king?
7. What leader of Israel expressed the sentiment (as he neared the end of his life) that God had done all the good things he had promised to the people, but also warned that disobedience and idolatry would lead to the loss of their land inheritance?

Answers for week of April 22, 2007

1. Sometimes we hear discussion of people on distant islands inhabited by heathen who do not know of God and his glorious nature. Where is this idea mentioned in scripture?
Answer: (Isa 66:19) "And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, **to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory;** and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles."
2. There is a chapter in the Bible in which two kings are described. One has broken arms but the other has strong arms. Of what two nations are these kings the leaders, and what is the king with a broken arm going

to be able to do about the arm?

Answer: The two nations are Egypt and Babylon. The broken-armed king of Egypt can nothing (except to groan!), not even bind it up for healing or put it in a splint.

Passage reference: Ezekiel 30, esp. vv. 20-26

(Ezek 30:20-26) "And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, {21} Son of man, **I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword. {22} Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;** Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. {23} And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. {24} And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but **I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man.** {25} But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt. {26} And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

3. Jerusalem, Babylon, Athens, Ephesus and many other notable cities had temples which were beautiful to see. But one city mentioned in the Bible was described as having great beauty but the person describing it saw no temple. What is the city and why was no temple seen there?

Answer: New Jerusalem. John sees no temple (building) there, for the only temple is God.

(Rev 21:1-2) "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. {2} And **I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,** coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

(Rev 21:10-11) "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that **great city, the holy Jerusalem,** descending out of heaven from God, {11} Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;"

(Rev 21:21-23) "And the twelve gates were twelve

pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. {22} **And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.** {23} And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

4. Jewish men who lived in Egypt claimed that they had not prospered as well after they quit worshipping the goddess which their wives had worshipped, so they told a prophet they were going to resume giving offerings and worshipping her. Who was the prophet, and in what area of Egypt did these men live?

Answer: Jeremiah. The men lived in Pathros.

(Jer 44:15-30 KJV) **Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, {16} As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee. {17} But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. {18} But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine. {19} And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?**

{24} Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that are in the land of Egypt: {25} Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; **Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows. {26} Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD liveth. {27} Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be**

consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them. {28} Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs. {29} And this shall be a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil: {30} Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pharaohhophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

5. Who lived among deceitful, slanderous, and lying people?

Answer: Jeremiah.

Jer 9:1-6 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! {2} Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. {3} **And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth;** for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD. {4} Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and **every neighbour will walk with slanders.** {5} And they will **deceive** every one his neighbour, and **will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies,** and weary themselves to commit iniquity. {6} Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

6. According to the context of the question above, what was the connection of their deceit and refusal to know God?

Answer: (see verse 6 above.)

7. Wisdom, strength, and wealth should not be reasons to boast, but what is a legitimate thing to "be proud" of?

Answer: Understanding and knowing the Lord

(Jer 9:23-24) Thus saith the LORD, **Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: {24} But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.**