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The Right Thing Is Sometimes The Hard Thing

by Steve Higginbotham, May 10, 2008

Yesterday, several good friends and I were sitting in the office of a neurosurgeon. We listened to him as he explained why he left a thriving practice in a large metropolis to come a much smaller hospital in our area of the country. He said it was all because of a letter he received.

You see, he had been so busy with his job, he told us that he literally had not seen his little girl in three weeks. Then one night when he came home from work, there was a letter by his bed from his 11 year-old daughter. It was a letter in which this little girl told her daddy that she missed him and wanted more of his time. She acknowledged to her daddy that he had an important job, but she said, "Daddy, doing the 'right' thing is sometimes the 'hard' thing to do." It was at this point that this successful neurosurgeon decided he wanted to be a father first. So he left his practice and moved his family to South-Central Kentucky.

I couldn't help but be touched by this doctor's story. Before me was a man who knew that there are things in life that are more important than fame, ego, work, and money. It doesn't take a "brain surgeon" be able to identify proper values and priorities in life. Sometimes, little 11 year-old girls who miss their daddy can discern those things. The question I have for you is have you discerned these same truths? Give it some thought.

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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 May 11

1. What two subjects, attributes of God, did a singer propose using for the theme of his "pre-noon-time" loud singing?
2. What three occasions are associated with Jesus' weeping?
3. What prophet praised God for raising a horn? and what kind of horn was it?
4. Who was named at birth by neighbors and relatives for his daddy, but the mother overruled and the father agreed?
5. The Bible has several references to rolling stones, but where do you find a warning of a danger involved in rolling a stone?
6. What abominable sin (which stirs up strife) will not be "suffered" by the Lord. (Look at several verses to confirm all of the clues.)
7. According to 2 Tim 2:24 the Lord's servant must NOT strive, but in other contexts they did so. In what areas of life is striving commendable? (Give as many answers as you can.) "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,"

Answers for week of May 4

1. What did a sound in the top of trees have to do with initiation of an attack on the Philistines?
Answer: That was a signal to David for the battle to begin, as God would be leading him against the Philistines. The "sound of going" is translated as the sound of marching in later translations, and mulberry trees are translated as balsams. That is the reason for the "general language" in the question. (I've appended the answer of Edith Garges below my answer.) There are two parallel accounts of this incident, 1 Chron. 14 and 2 Sam. 5.
KJV: 1 Chronicles 14: 13And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley. 14Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away

from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. 15And it shall be, **when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle:** for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines. 16David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer. 17And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

Edith's answer: The Lord told David to wait until he heard the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees (KJV calls them mulberry trees), and then to act promptly, because the Lord would have gone before him to strike the Philistines. (Had to read this in the NAS to get the meaning. How our language has changed over the years!)
2 Samuel 5:23 - When David inquired of the LORD, He said, "You shall not go {directly} up; circle around behind them (KJV says "fetch a compass behind them") and come at them in front of the balsam trees. 5:24 - "It shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then you shall act promptly ("thou shalt bestir thyself" KJV), for then the LORD will have gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines." 5:25 - Then David did so, just as the LORD had commanded him, and struck down the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

2. What should believers in God be careful to do?
Answer: To maintain good works.
Titus 3:8. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that **they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.** These things are good and profitable unto men.
2 Pet. 1:10 - Wherefore the rather, brethren, (believers), give diligence (care) to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.
3. What "man" is "inexcusable"?
Answer: the man who judges (condemns) another, being himself guilty of sin.
Romans 2:1 - Therefore **thou art inexcusable, O**

man, **whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.** (This passage can best be understood after reading Romans 1.)

Billy Yarbrough added this additional answer:

Answer 2: One who has seen God revealed in nature and still turned to idols.

Romans 1:20 - For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

4. We are told of a king who executed the slayers of his father, but spared their offspring due to a Mosaic law. Who was the king, and where is the law written that he was following?

Answer Part 1: Amaziah, son of Joash (two accounts) 2 Ki 14:1-6 "In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah. {2} He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. {3} And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did. {4} Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places. {5} And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father. {6} But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin."

(2 Chr 25:1-4) "Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. {2} And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart. {3} Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew

his servants that had killed the king his father. {4} But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin."

Answer Part 2: Deut 24:16 - " The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin."

5. What kind of treasures are of no genuine benefit?

Answer: Treasures of wickedness.

Proverbs 10:2. **Treasures of wickedness profit nothing:** but righteousness delivereth from death.

Alternate answers: Earthly treasures, worldly goods

Matthew 6:19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.

Ecclesiastes 5: 10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. 11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and **what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?**

6. What prophet spoke of a time in which the people would "feed" on adversity and "drink" affliction, but they would also experience the graciousness of God when they called on Him?

Hint: In the same context the prophet asserts that their teachers would not be "put in a corner".

The following answer is in the words of Edith Garges. Participants tell me of special applications they have made of these passages, or the coincidence that they find the answers within recently read passages.

Answer: The prophet Isaiah. What a gem! It comforts me as I am sitting here by my Mom's bed, using her computer to send in my answer. Her health is failing, at age 92, but faithful to the Lord, this is a precious promise to His faithful!

Isaiah 30:18 And therefore will the LORD wait,

that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him. 19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. 20 And though the Lord give you the **bread of adversity, and the water of affliction**, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: 21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

7. What two phrases did Isaiah expect that his son would NOT learn to say before an Assyrian raid of riches?

Answer: The phrases were "My father" and "My mother". The son's name was Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz. "

Isa 8:1 "Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mahershalalhashbaz. 2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. 3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz. 4 For **before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.**"

Prayer Needs and Requests

Jackie Hafer, St. Thomas Hospital, was able to restart dialysis and reportedly is doing better. Arlin and Jerry Mesick, Jessie Pearl Green's brothers, Robert Gannon, Wayne's brother, and Lady Ruth Reed, Ann and Charlene's sister. Melissa Dickerson has some kind of infection in her bones. Ann Conner is scheduled for eye surgery May 12 in Tullahoma. Joan Dennis is having problems with

For the record:	04/13	04/20	04/27	05/04
Bible Study	22	16	23	22
AM Worship	27	26	27	31
PM Worship	19	28	26	28
Wed. Bible Study	18	14	17	19
Contribution	\$595	\$608	\$579	\$725

loss of vision. Continue to pray for sister Singleton at home and William Miller at NHC. Gary Green's step-daughter passed away suddenly this past week. Our sympathy to that family

Drew Thomas USMC is scheduled to be back in the US for several months

Continue to pray for those who are in mission fields including those we send financial support to. Also pray for peace in the world and wisdom for those in authority. Pray for the poor and suffering

Best wishes to Ann Conner as she retires from her public work . She is looking forward to having more time to work in helping the church in its work. Ann and Junior were planning to be visiting the Unity congregation today and will be at their family reunion at Curlee next week along with Charlene Brandon.

As we come into a time of the year for nice weather we need to start looking at a spring fix-up, clean-up. We are grateful for the on-going work done by Charlene with routine building cleaning, but we need to get some members looking at some building repair/maintenance/sprucing up. Thanks already to Tim W. for repairing the floor support under the classroom section. Thanks to Doris M. for her work preparing communion bread and other ladies who maintain the communion trays. Thanks to James for maintaining the financial records. Thanks to Daniel G. for keeping our grass looking nice. Thanks to Steve M. for repairing a leak at the house. Thanks to all who alertly help as needed

Assignments	May 11	May 18
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Ken Thomas	Nick Graham
(outside)	Wayne Gannon	T J Waldron
(outside)	Andy Miller	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		