



May 13, 2007

Beech Grove Church of Christ

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The Love of a Mother

Solomon Rosenberg, his wife, his 2 sons, and his mother and father were arrested and placed in a Nazi concentration camp during the Holocaust of WWII. It was a labor camp and the rules were simple: "As long as you can do your work, you are permitted to live. When you become too weak to do your work, then you will be exterminated." Rosenberg watched his mother and father being marched off to their deaths when they became too weak to work. He knew that his youngest son, David, would be next because David had always been a frail child.

Every evening when Rosenberg came back into the barracks after his hours of labor, he would search for the faces of his family. When he found them, they would huddle together, embrace one another, and thank God for another day of life. One day Rosenberg came back, but he

didn't see those familiar faces. He finally discovered his oldest son, Joshua, in a corner, huddled, weeping, and praying. He said, "Josh, tell me it's not true." Joshua turned and said, "It is true, Poppa. Today David was not strong enough to do his work, so they came for him."

"But WHERE is your mother?" asked Mr. Rosenberg.

"Oh Poppa," he exclaimed. "When they came for David, he was afraid and he was crying. Momma said, 'There is nothing to be afraid of, David,' . . . and then she took his hand and went with him."

There are few things as strong as the love of a mother for her children – a love so strong that it would choose to give up life so her child can be comforted. The love of Mrs. Rosenberg pictures the sacrificial love Jesus has for US. In order to take away OUR fear of death, He went before us (Hebrews 2:14-15). (Cont. back)

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

Assignments	May 13	May 20
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Mason Fisher	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Ken Thomas	Nick Graham
(outside)	Cole Gordon	T J Waldron
(outside)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

No changes have been reported since last week. Please remember our current sick and shut-ins in your prayers, visits, cards and calls. Jessie Pearl Green, Laura and Ray Singleton, Wesley Cardwell, Vadna Trail, the Junior Conner family Iva Rose, William Miller, Wayne Gannon's brother, Effie Bryant.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of sister Evelyn Klingler who passed away last Sunday. She was a delightful person, and enjoyed coming here on Wednesday nights. She was a long-time member of Lumley Stand congregation.

Bible Answers continued:

{20} And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: {21} (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec)"

7. In a verse that describes the honorableness of quitting strife, we are told what kind of people are meddlers. What kind of people meddle?

Answer: Fools.

(Prov 20:3) "It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but **every fool will be meddling.**"

Consider also Prov 26:17 "He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears." This verse is valuable to help us avoid strife that is unnecessary.

Reminder: Our **Gospel Meeting** is planned for **July 22-25**. **John Bush** is scheduled to speak. Let's make that week (and the weeks before) a high priority week, and plan to be here to work and attend.

(Mother's Love, from front) He met death "head on" – in fact, He died for us so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:10). Jesus was buried but emerged from the grave victorious, so that WE might have hope in the Resurrection. "O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:55, 57).

The victory belongs to THOSE who submit their lives to Christ: believing in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Victory will continue to be enjoyed by those who continue to follow Jesus faithfully for the rest of their lives (1 John 1:7).

"As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you," says the Lord (Isaiah 66:13).

Will YOU "take His hand" in trusting obedience?

David A. Sargent, Minister, Church of Christ at Creekwood, Mobile, AL

* Melvin M. Newland, in "A Mother's Love," www.sermoncentral.com, reported to be a true story.

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
04/08	18	47*	17	\$563.25	17
04/15	15	19	14	\$660.00	13
04/22	15	31	14	\$514.25	15
04/29	14	25	14	\$515.00	15
05/06	11	25	25		19
Goals	35	45*	36		35



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of May 13, 2007

1. According to an Old Testament prophet, the fall of a country would be marked by mourning in the street and on rooftops, people howling, crying, and wearing sackcloths. What country?
2. In New Testament times, something not previously known by man had been revealed. It was about a group of people that could now share the inheritance of God, being in the same body, and enjoying the promises. Who were these people and who declared that he had been blessed with the privilege of preaching among them? (Two-part answer required!)
3. Who threw a huge stone into a body of water to illustrate the violent fall of a wealthy and powerful metropolis?
4. (Introductory remarks) Ecclesiastes figuratively describes the effect of aging on eyesight. (Eccl 12:3) "In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened. . . ." There are at least four people who are described as having limited vision because of their age. Find them.
5. Sihon and Og were powerful kings who were defeated by Israel. Name the people each of them ruled, and tell where the dwelling place of each was.
6. One person in the Bible is said to have spent all her resources on doctors, but instead of improving actually got worse. What was the physical condition?
7. Who said, "Why, What evil hath he done? I find no cause of death in him; I will therefore chastise him and let him go" ?

Answers for week of May 6, 2007

1. In 2 Chr. 6:4-19 Solomon refers to some promises of God and indicates that God did what he said he would do. Find and list at least three words which express the idea that God actually did what He said he would do, and the verses containing the words.

Answer: Fulfilled, performed, kept (promise).

(2 Chr 6:4-19) "And he said, Blessed be the **LORD God of Israel**, who hath with his hands **FULFILLED** that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying, {5} Since the day that I brought forth

my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel: {6} But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel. {7} Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the **LORD God of Israel**. {8} But the **LORD** said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart: {9} Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. {10} The **LORD** therefore hath **PERFORMED** his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am **set on the throne of Israel**, as the **LORD promised**, and have built the house for the name of the **LORD God of Israel**. {11} And in it have I put the ark, wherein is the covenant of the **LORD**, that he made with the children of Israel. {12} And he stood before the altar of the **LORD** in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands: {13} For Solomon had made a brazen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven, {14} And said, **O LORD God of Israel**, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shovest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts: {15} Thou which hast **KEPT** with thy servant David my father that which thou hast **PROMISED** him; and **spakest with thy mouth, and hast FULFILLED IT** with thine hand, as it is this day. {16} Now therefore, **O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him**, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me. {17} Now then, **O LORD God of Israel**, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David. {18} But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! {19} Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, **O LORD my God**, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:"

2. What observation of the life of sin uses the process of preparing ground for planting, then planting and harvesting the results? (Where is it found, all in one verse of scripture?)

Answer: **Job 4:8** indicates that the speaker "had seen" (observation) the **plowing, planting, and harvesting of sin (iniquity, wickedness)**.

(Job 4:7-9) "Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? {8} Even as I have seen, they that **plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.** {9} By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed."

They needed to leave the life of wickedness and begin once again to seek the Lord (v.13 reads "Ye have **plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity;** ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.")

Hosea 10:12 **Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground:** for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

3. I found four proverbs that describe things that are delightful to the Lord contrasted with things that are abominable in his sight. To get this task correct you need to list the four references in an order that relates them to their subject matter: 1) honesty in business, 2) truth-telling, 3) prayers, and 4) righteousness in general.

Answer: **1) Honesty in business: Proverbs 11:1** A false balance is **abomination** to the LORD: but a just weight is his **delight**.

2) truth-telling: Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are **abomination** to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his **delight**.

3) prayers: Proverbs 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an **abomination** to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his **delight**.

4) righteous (general): Proverbs 11:20 They that are of a foward heart are **abomination** to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his **delight**.

See also Prov 15:9: "The way of the wicked is an **abomination** unto the LORD: but he **loveth** him that followeth after righteousness."

4. The Bible speaks of someone throwing a ball violently, but it represents people being thrown into another country. Who would do the throwing, and who or what would be thrown?

Answer: **The Lord would throw Shebna, the treasurer, into a large country where he would die.**
Isa 22:15 ff. - "Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say, {16} What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee

out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock? {17} Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee. {18} **He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.** {19} And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down. . . . {25} In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for **the LORD hath spoken it.**"

5. Jesus did not "take" the priesthood to himself, so who appointed Jesus Christ to be high priest?

Answer: God Himself

Hebrews 5:4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but **he that is called of God**, as was Aaron. 5 **So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.** 6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

6. Since Jesus was not a descendent of Levi, by what power (authority) was he made a priest?

Answer: the power of an endless life. Christ's life and authority were not based on genealogy, family tree. He was a priest to mediate between man and God because of his triumphant resurrection, nevermore to die.

(Heb 7:11-21) "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? {12} For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. {13} For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. {14} For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. {15} And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, {16} **Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.** {17} For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. {18} For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. {19} For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

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