



Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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Competition

"We honor competitor's coupons!" "We will beat any advertised price by 10%!" The business world is highly competitive. We have learned to read the fine print which explains why the bargain is no real bargain, and how the dealer can make money selling "below cost".

Sometimes we let this cutthroat atmosphere affect the church. In order to attract a crowd we offer to outdo the "other guys". We will never outdo the preacher who sat on the church roof to eat his lunch to celebrate a big crowd, nor the churches who gave away bicycles to bus riders.

But neither should we compromise truth to win a convert. We must teach the truth in wisdom and love, but never try to change the message. The church is not a profit-making group or social club. It is God's family, bought by Jesus' blood. It is not for sale to bargain hunters. The truth will stand when the world is burning, and it is the only way to freedom from sin. Some people do not want bargain basement religion. Let's give them what they need - the gospel of Jesus - so they can be saved...

Ken Thomas

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 May 17

1. Who cited the loss of sleep, waterless days, and frosty nights as just a few of the hardships he had while working for a dishonest father-in-law?
2. What is the connection between clothes taken for collateral on a loan to a poor man, sundown, and sleeping?
3. According to Jesus, who needs a doctor?
4. What ex-prisoner told a nation's ruler that God would give him an "answer of peace"?
5. What Old Testament character is described as having taken another person's life? In the context we are told that he thought his "brothers" would understand, but they didn't. Find the NEW Testament reference.
6. What mentally united group of rulers - - with nothing to rule over - - make a gift of power, short-lived, to a losing cause of warring with Christ?
7. What infant was hidden for 3 months after being born? Find at least one reference in both OT and NT.

Answers for week of May 10

1. What was the situation of those who complained that they had to BUY water and wood?

Answer: They were those who were left after Jerusalem was destroyed by Babylon. (Most eventually went to Egypt, against God's instructions, and did not return). (verse 4 below)

Lamentations 5: 1 Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach. 2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens. 3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows. 4 We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us. 5 Our necks are under persecution: we labour, and have no rest. 6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

2. What kind of person stirs up strife? (There are at least three words used to describe this person.)

Answer: A wrathful man, a 'froward' man (NASB has 'a perverse man'), a contentious man, a man with a proud heart and an angry man [the Hebrew words for 'wrathful' and 'angry' are different words] From this list I get the idea that I ought to avoid stirring up strife. Maybe it would be better to be a peacemaker than a peacebreaker!

References: All from Proverbs

Prov 15:18 A **wrathful man stirreth up strife**: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

Prov 16:28 A **froward man soweth strife**: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

Prov 26:21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a **contentious man to kindle strife**.

Prov 28:25 He that is of a **proud heart stirreth up strife**: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

Prov 29:22 An **angry man stirreth up strife**, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression

Also applicable to the subject:

Prov 22:10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

Prov 30:33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

3. The Bible speaks of both dead faith and dead works. Find at least one reference to both.

Answers: Dead works: (We must kill sin, the evil works of the past See Col. 3:5 and Rom 6:11).

Hebrews 6:1- Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from **dead works**, and of faith toward God

Heb 9:13-14 - For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from **dead works** to serve the living God?

Dead Faith: Faith or a claim to faith is not enough. Faith must be active, working, or it is dead, powerless to make us right with God. (James 2: 14-26).

James 2:17 - Even so **faith, if it hath not works, is dead**, being alone. . . . 20 - But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead**? . . . 26 - For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.

4. If Christians are diligent to grow spiritually, what will be made sure?

Answer: their calling and election

God calls all men to come to him, but the calling only has a benefit to us if we "answer" God's call with obedience and spiritual development. The "elect" (chosen by God) are those who "do these things", and avoid "falling".

2 Peter 1:3-12 lists areas of progressive spiritual growth

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all

things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure**: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

5. What was "Ephphatha" used for?

Answer: Jesus used the expression, Ephphatha, which the KJV tells us means "be opened" when the people brought to him one that was deaf and had a speech impediment requesting that He put his hand upon him.

Mark 7:32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. 33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, **Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.** 35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

Barry Cowan sent this note of interest: the Greek form of a Syro-Chaldaic or Aramaic word, meaning "Be opened," uttered by Christ when healing the man who was deaf and dumb (Mark 7:34). It is one of the characteristics of Mark that he uses the very Aramaic words which fell from our Lord's lips. (See Mar 3:17; 5:41; 7:11; 14:36; 15:34.)

6. What man asked who was talking to him, and was told that it was a secret?

Answer: Manoah (Samson's father) when speaking to

the angel who had earlier spoken to his wife.

Judges 13:18 15 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee. 16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD. 17 And **Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour? 18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?** 19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. 20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground. 21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD.

7. Who was awakened with orders to pray, the purpose being to save his life and the life of others?

Answer: Jonah (Jonah 1:4-10, in particular v.6)

4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? **arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.** 7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. 8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou? 9 And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land. 10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Melissa Dickerson continues to deal with her slow healing wound. Anna Curl is at Carriage Inn in Shelbyville for a few days while she continues with her respiratory difficulties. Kim Conner is out of the hospital and was with us on Wednesday night. She asked me to clarify something that was in last week's bulletin. Her lap band did NOT cause the hole to form in her stomach. An ulcer did. The lap band was near the wound that was fixed, but Kim did not want anything to think it was the cause of the problem. She said it had been a blessing and she did not want anyone to avoid getting one if needed.

Military connections: Andy Miller family in Japan; Drew and Adam Thomas.

Shut ins: Laura Singleton at home, and William Miller at NHC in Murfreesboro. Nita Summers, wife of John Summers who preaches at Smith Grove, is in Erlanger as a result of ongoing health problems including diabetes and kidney failure. Here is a website where you can send a greeting.

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Welcome, visitors

Let us know how we may serve you. We are glad that we are frequently blessed with visitors. 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.

Missionary Report Today



Today we will have Ben Renegar and a native Indian preacher to report on their work and to preach for us. We have supported Ben on trips to India in the past, and the work there is fruitful. We look forward to this report.

Gospel Meetings - May 17-20

Hickerson Station, Jim Waldron, (missionary to India)

Green Hill Church of Christ, Mt. Juliet. Frank Chesser preaching nightly at 7:00

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
May	10	10	30	15	20	\$3
May	3	23	31	15	11	\$463
Apr	26	23	33	11*	20	\$609
Apr	19	17	24	12	15	\$684

Assignments	May 10	May 17
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
(outside)	T J Waldron	Junior Conner
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green

