

# Beech Grove Church of Christ

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The Miracle Worker

Imagine that you could not see these words or hear them spoken! This was the case for a young girl named Helen Adams Keller (1880-1968) who lost both her vision and hearing at the age of 18 months. At the age of 7, her parents decided to hire a teacher to try to help her to somehow overcome this seemingly impossible handicap. Her breakthrough story is one of the most remarkable cases in history...

Helen once asked her teacher, Anne Sullivan, what God's name was. Anne fingerspelled "G-O-D" into Helen's hand, and the young blind and deaf girl smiled. Helen finger-spelled her reply: "I ALWAYS KNEW who He was, and NOW I know HIS NAME!"

Amazing! And isn't this truth EXACTLY what we learn from God's Word? "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" (Romans 1:20 NIV).

Even though Helen Keller could not see or hear, she KNEW of God's existence because of "what has been made."

"I can see, and that is why I can be happy, in what you call the dark, but which to me is golden. I can see a GOD-MADE world, NOT a manmade world." Helen Keller.

What a remarkable observation for one so severely handicapped... (Continued on back)

#### **Sunday Schedule**

Bible Classes 10 AM 11 AM Worship 6 PM Worship 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 27, 2007

- **1.** Describe the enduring nature of Jerusalem's backsliding.
- **2.** To what female animal was backslidden Israel compared?
- **3.** Where is backsliding treated as a disease needing healing?
- **4.** Some will walk and some will fall. . . in what?
- **5.** What liberty does the Christian widow have?
- **6.** Where do we read of drunken arrows and flesh-eating swords?
- 7. The mountain from which Moses viewed the promised land, as well as the valley in which he was buried, is in what country?

## Answers for week of May 20, 2007 Who Said It?

**1.** "Behold Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor."

## Answer: Zacchaeus -- Luke 19:8

(Luke 19:8-10) "And **Zacchaeus** stood, and **said** unto the Lord; **Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor**; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. {9} And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. {10} For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**2.** "I go the way of all the earth; be thou strong therefore and show thyself a man."

# Answer: David -- 1 Ki 2:1-2

(1 Ki 2:1-3) "Now the days of **David** drew nigh that he should die; and he **charged** 

Solomon his son, saying, {2} I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man; {3} And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:"

**3.** "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."

#### **Answer: Jacob -- Gen 32 :24-28**

(Gen 32:23-28) "And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. {24} And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with **him** until the breaking of the day. {25} And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. {26} And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. {27} And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. {28} And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."

**4.** "Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath he not spoken also by us?"

# **Answer: Miriam and Aaron**

(Num 12:1-3) "And **Miriam and Aaron** spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. {2} And they said, **Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses?** hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it. {3} (Now the man Moses was

very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)"

5. What punishment is threatened by God against those who think their lips are "their own" and that no one is over them?

Answer: To cut off their lips and tongue. (Psa 12 KJV) "To the chief Musician upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David. Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. 2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak. 3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things: 4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us? 5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him. 6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. 8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted."

6. What prominent Bible character lived in a fort for a while?

# Answer: David (verse 9)

2 Samuel 5: 7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David. 8 And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. 9 So **David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David**. And David built round about from Millo and inward. 10 And David went on, and grew great, and

#### the LORD God of hosts was with him

**7.** What king burned his oldest son as a sacrifice?

#### **Answer: King of Moab**

2 Kings 3:4 And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool. . . .26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom: but they could not. 27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

**8.** What unauthorized burnt sacrifices were made at Tophet?

# Answer: Sons and daughters of children of Judah.

(Jer 7:30-32) "For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it. {31} And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. {32} Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place."

See also 2 Kings 23:10 And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

Assignments	<b>May 27</b>	June 3	
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron	
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green	
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon	
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green	
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Lee Rose	
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Mason Fisher	
(center)	Nick Graham	Cole Gordon	
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron	
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green	
Closing Prayer	Mason Fisher	Junior Conner	

#### Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Kimberley Bryant came out of the hospital on Tuesday and has been at Junior and Ann's house this week. Please remember our current sick and shut-ins in your prayers, visits, cards and calls. Jessie Pearl Green, Laura Singleton, Vadna Trail, the Junior Conner family, Iva Rose, William Miller at NHC, Wayne Gannon's brother Robert, and Wesley Cardwell.

Laura Singleton reported that Effie Bryant died this early this morning. Our sympathy to the Bryant family.

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.

Miracle Worker, cont.) She lived in SILENCE. She lived in DARKNESS. But even in her dark and silent world, she KNEW of the existence of God! There is certainly NO excuse for YOU and ME!

Observe some more of the insights of this remarkable woman:

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." -- H. Keller

"I thank God for my handicaps, for, through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God." -- H. Keller "There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark." -- H. Keller

Helen Keller's teacher, Anne Sullivan, "is remembered as 'the Miracle Worker' for her lifetime dedication, patience and love to a half-wild southern child trapped in a world of darkness and silence." \*

Helen Keller, with her life's story and her faith, point us to THE Miracle Worker: JESUS CHRIST, who through our obedient faith rescues US from the dominion of darkness and brings us into His kingdom of light and life (Colossians 1:13).

THE Miracle Worker will rescue THOSE who: believe in Him (Acts 16:30-31),

turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). He will CONTINUE to cleanse those who CONTINUE to walk

in the "LIGHT" of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Thank you, Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller, for pointing US to THE Miracle Worker who can restore our SIGHT and our SOUL!

Can YOU see Him? Can YOU hear Him? Will YOU follow Him?

--- **David A. Sargent / M. Eddlemon**, Church of Christ at Creekwood ,Mobile, Alabama

\* From the website of the Helen Keller Birthplace Foundation -- http://www.helenkellerbirthplace.org/about\_helen.htm

Record of our attendance:						
Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.	
04/22	2 15	31	14	\$514.25	15	
04/29	14	25	14	\$515.00	15	
05/06	5 11	25	25	\$450.65	19	
05/13	3 24	37	20	\$570.00	16	
05/20	25	33	23	\$598.25	18	
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