

Sunday	May 28	June 4
Song leader	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Joe Green	Ken Thomas
Songleader	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Nick Graham	Wayne Gannon
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Junior Conner
Table service	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Cole Gordon	TJ Waldron
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
	TJ Waldron	Brian Dennis
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	Nick Graham

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
04/30	25	41	24	?	18
05/07	14	34	30	\$517	14
05/14	22	32	21	\$769	21
05/21	14	24	29	\$363	23
Goals	26	45	36		35

* Denotes a previous goal met

(Cont. From front) I could tell them about the times when our postal delivery person sold our mailing addresses and even our actual mail to charlatans who wanted to make contacts in the US. I might tell about the times we were "reported to the government" for doing mission work, or about the times we have actually been evicted from the country because we did not give some "undesirable" a job.

Some would disdainfully say, "Why, I wouldn't do that for all the money in the world!"

Neither would I. "And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (1

Corinthians 9:23-25).

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

Fortunately we have passed through those early gray days and perhaps become wiser for our experiences. We have somewhat better facilities now than we had several years ago and better supplies and amenities. Roads have become safer and water is now available in most shops.

More of our good people at home are aware of our needs and have been most gracious to help as they could.

God not only blesses those who are sent, but he also blesses the ones who do the sending.

May God bless you as you serve him wherever you are.

Beth and her husband Dennis have worked many years for the Lord in India.

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Prayer request - Please remember the sick, shut-ins, our elderly, the youth, widows and orphans, those in distress, this congregation, missionaries, and world rulers.

Laura Singleton is in rehab in Manchester

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Not For All the Money in the World

A missionary sacrifices because he lives for the gospel.

by Beth Johnson

Many times I have been asked why we chose to live and work in India. People ask, "How do you stand the filth, the idolatry, the tropical climate, and the primitive living arrangements?"

If I were to tell them just how primitive things really are here, I might tell them how I washed our family's clothes in a bucket by hand, and that daily washing ritual included diapers for two babies a year apart. Or I might tell them that during the years when our family numbered six members, my "cookstove" was a one-burner kerosene hot plate, and there was no oven. I could even tell them that we had no proper brooms or mops, but had to use clumps of grass for sweeping and a rag to mop our cement floors every day.

I could tell them that floors had to be mopped daily because dust from feet tracked in the dried feces where people relieved themselves out in the open day in and day out. They never considered covering their dirt like the OT law taught the Israelites to do in Deuteronomy 23:13.

I could tell them about the diseases our family has endured: typhoid fever, pneumonia, tuberculosis, amoebic dysentery, bacillary dysentery, food poisoning (over and over again), and cholera. Most people have never endured these diseases at all, much less more than one at a time.

I could talk about lack of decent water for bathing or washing clothes or electricity cuts or unfair taxation. I could tell about land grabbers who have tried to wrest property owned by the church. I could tell about having to pasteurize our own milk or boil our own drinking water on a daily basis. (Cont. On back)



Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

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Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

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Visitors

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Welcome



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of May 28, 2006

1. What tiring practice is associated with a product that is produced "without end"?
2. If God were desirous of food, why would he not inform his people of that? Find a reference in Psalms.
3. Pasture lands are dressed, and God covers the low lands between the hills (which seem happy!). What two kinds of covering are provided by the Lord?
4. Find three doors mentioned in the early part of Revelation. If you would like, explain the significance of each.
5. How are the tools of one who cuts wood compared to common attitudes of rebellion and boastfulness?
6. According to an Old Testament prophet, what is said about the righteousness which was formerly done by a person who has since turned away from it and become wicked?
7. What fruit was used in the proverbial argument of an Israelite when he wanted to prove the idea that a child inherits his daddy's sin, and what does the prophet say that the Lord thought of that argument?

Answers for week of May 21, 2006

1. What Old Testament prophet predicted that the Lord would bring civil war to Egypt and that they would be ruled by a fierce king?

Answer: Isaiah

Isaiah 19:1 The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. 2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. 3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. 4 And the Egyptians will I give over

into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

2. What cleanly dressed people are slated to walk with Jesus according to a New Testament passage?

Answer: Some of the saints in the church at Sardis who had maintained purity in a wicked environment.

Revelation 3:1-6 (letter to the Christians in Sardis, in particular verse 4)

1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Other possible answers

- 1) Those that came out of great tribulation.--Rev.7:13-17.
- 2) Those who continue to "walk in the light" have their robes cleaned in the blood and will continue to walk with Jesus. 1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

3. It is God's will that we give thanks, but to what limit? (Check the "give thanks" passages.)

Answer: There is no limit. We are to give thanks for ever in everything.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Psalm 30:11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; 12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever. Psa 79:13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will

give thee thanks for ever: we will show forth thy praise to all generations.

Eph 1:16 "Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;"

Col 1:3 "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,"

1 Th 1:2 "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;"

2 Th 2:13 "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:"

Note: in the grave there is no "giving of thanks".

Psa 6:5-For in death [there is] no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thanks?

4. Flies in distant Egyptian rivers and Assyrian bees represent the armies that would invade and land in deserted valleys, empty holes in rocks, and on plants. How would God summon them?

Answer: Hiss.

Isa 7:17-20 The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria. {18} And it shall come to pass in that day, that **the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.** {19} And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes. {20} In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

Some versions use the word "whistle" instead of "hiss". In this graphic passage the Lord threatens his people with an attack from distant nations that will come to punish His people for their sins

5. What mourning father was accused of loving his enemies and hating his friends?

Answer: David, when he was mourning the death of Absalom. The accuser was Joab.

2 Sam 18:33 -"And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom,

my son, my son!" 2 Sam 19:1-8 "And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. {2} And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son. {3} And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. {4} But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son! {5} And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; {6} In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. {7} Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now. {8} Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent."

6. In Hebrews 10 a reference is made to a book where something is written. Where is the "book" that is referenced in this passage?

Answer: The original quote comes from here:

Heb 10:5-10) "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: {6} In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. {7} Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. {8} Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; {9} Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. {10} By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Compare - Psa 40:6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in

the volume of the book [it is] written of me, & I delight
to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my
heart.