



Beech Grove Church of Christ

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Bought at a Price

by Stan Mitchell

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price Therefore honor God with your body" (1Corinthians 6:19,20).

Neil Anderson wrote, "you win a person with what you win him with" (Gospel Advocate, September 2003). When churches "bend over backwards to cater for their children," he explains, "the young are more often alienated than won by such tactics."

If people are brought to a church through a certain music or activity, for instance, then they will leave the church on the same basis; their departure will coincide pretty much exactly with the arrival of a bigger show across town, a more dramatic version of that program in a rival church, or a ratcheted up version of what brought them to church in the first place. The pressure will always be on us to outdo last year's production, or lose the "loyal" customer!

Instead of bribing them to church, maybe we should bring them to Christ.

Of course Paul declares that we have been "bought at a price," not "bought for a price!" We don't (or shouldn't) make demands on churches and on Jesus; he makes demands on us! We don't negotiate our terms of entrance into the church; he dictates them! The Lord doesn't have responsibilities to us. Everything he did -- everything -- was a gift he was not obliged to give!

We have responsibilities to him!

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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 June 10, 2007

“More Meaty Questions!”

1. What kind of meat was eaten for passover?
2. What kind of meat could not be eaten, but could be sold or given to non-Israelites?
3. What apostle was ordered to kill and eat unclean animals?
4. What fleshy food was broiled for Jesus to eat?
5. Find the first reference to meat as food from a plant.
(Remember the questions are based on King James Version vocabulary.)
6. What flavorful meat was provided by hunting, and prepared by a son for his father?
7. Of what was a meat offering to be made if it were baked in a fryingpan,? (Hint: Old Testament)
8. In reference to the above question, what added substance was required, and what was forbidden? (This is related to the disposal of leftovers.)

Answers for week of June 3, 2007

1. What king erected 21 altars, seven at a time, on which to offer a bullock and ram in an effort to convince God to curse Israel?

Answer: King Balak of Moab, son of Zippor, in his ill-fated attempt to convince God to curse Israel

(Num 23:1-2) "And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams. {2} And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram."

(Num 23:13-14) "And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence. {14}

And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar."

(Num 23:27-30) "And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence. {28} And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon. {29} And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. {30} And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar."

2. What elevated sites were used on which to build those altars?

Answer: High places of Baal, and peaks of mountains. See references above, Numbers 23.

3. What tribe of Israel had 26,700 warriors against the rest of Israel's 400,000 men, and killed 40,000 in two days? (Their army lost 25, 100 men in the third day due to an ambush.) You will have to "do the math" to check the totals.

Answer: Benjamin. 40,000 in two days comes from adding 22000 and 18000. This tiny tribe destroyed 10% of the whole army of Israel in two days, but then lost almost 97% of their swordsmen the next day. (I wonder if the "slingers" all survived.)

Judg 20:14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel.15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men.16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss. 17And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these were men of war. . . .21And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty

and two thousand men. . . 25 "And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword. . . .35 "And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred men: all these drew the sword."

4. What tribe had 700 left-handed stone slingers in their army?

Answer: Benjamin. Scripture reference above.

5. The New Testament (1 Tim. 4:3) speaks of an apostasy in which some would command people to abstain from eating meat. Eating meats offered to idols was questioned in the early church. The next few questions will explore the history of meat-eating. . . .

What was the solution offered for controversy over the issue of eating flesh and eating "herbs" only?

Answer: Neither party should judge the other.

They should accept each other because God had received them both. This teaches the principle that if God has not ruled on an issue or specified a particular course of action we should not be judgmental to those who practice things differently than we do. (This principle would not justify any action prohibited by God, but it would prohibit our binding rules where God has not done so.) Obviously God had allowed man to choose either a vegetarian ("herb") diet or a mixture of meat and "herbs". Regardless of which was "better for the health", either was allowed.

(Rom 14:2-4) "For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. {3} Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. {4} Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand."

6. What statement from God indicates that God gave flesh to Noah to eat?

Answer: Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. From verse 4 we learn that

the giving of flesh for food excluded the blood, and that prohibition was re-emphasized for Gentile Christians in Acts 15.

(Gen 9:1-5 KJV) "And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. {2} And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. {3} Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. {4} But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. {5} And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man."

7. What kind of meat did Abraham offer his three visitors?

Answer: Veal? Young calf.

(Gen 18:1-8 KJV) "And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; {2} And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, {3} And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: {4} Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: {5} And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. {6} And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. {7} And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. {8} And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat."

Assignments	June 10	June 17
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	Mason Fisher	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Nick Graham	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Daniel Green	Junior Conner
(outside)	T J Waldron	Joe Green
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Kimberley Bryant was supposed to get out of the hospital on Friday. 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.

Reminder: Our **Gospel Meeting** is planned for July 22-25 with John Bush. We need to plan a special clean-up to spruce up our buildings.

Slip Slidin' Away ...by Stan Mitchell

Vice is a monster of so frightful mein,
As to be hated needs, but to be seen;
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.
Alexander Pope, "An Essay on Man"

Do you remember being deeply embarrassed by an explicit "love scene" in a movie? Do you remember when someone would say, "Hey, guys, none of that language please, there's a lady with us?"

Of course these scenes are commonplace now.

An ancient prophet once bemoaned a similar situation.

"They dress the wounds of my people as though they were not serious," he cried.
"Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to

blush" (Jeremiah 8:11,12).

Perhaps we need to learn how to blush again. There is no question that society's standards have fallen. And our culture expresses its lack of values with the subtlety of a steam roller, crushing in its path every contrary point of view.

Under these circumstances it's easy for the people of God to become confused about what is right and wrong. Yet we need to remember that there is a God to whom we are ultimately responsible.

"In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now commands all people, everywhere, to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice" (Acts 17:30,31).

Legislation in this country might or might not reflect the will of God. Society might or might not be persuaded to live according to the laws of God. But two things are certain:

- (1) God's people must not confuse the standards of the world with the holy requirements of God.
- (2) There is a day when Christ, who judges in the Supreme Court, will judge all men. He will judge them by the standard of his word (John 12:48).

All other criteria will be out of date on that day. The question is not whether the Lord will judge all people, but whether we will have become so accustomed to the standards of the world that we will have forgotten how to blush.

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
05/06	11	25	25	\$450.65	19
05/13	24	37	20	\$570.00	16
05/20	25	33	23	\$598.25	18
05/27	18				
06/03	20	29	22	\$604.38	18
Goals	35	45*	36		35

