

Sunday	June 11	June 18
Song leader (SS)	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas
Songleader (Wor)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	Lee Rose
Table service	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	TJ Waldron	Daniel Green
(outside)	Daniel Green	TJ Waldron
	Ken Lewisnis	Cole Gordon
Closing Prayer	Wayne Gannon	James Mason

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
05/07	14	34	30	\$517	14
05/14	22*	32*	21	\$769	21
05/21	14	24	29	\$363	23
05/28	12	26	26	\$773	19
06/04	20	25	23	\$469	24
Goals	26	45	36		35

Sick and Injured News

Please remember those who are shut-ins and those still on the mend. Ann and Junior are having multiple difficulties. Junior had surgery this week for his skin cancers. Ann's MS is creating a lot of problems.

Red Hill Meeting is June 11-13

Bill Williams preaching

Think About These Things

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things" (Philippians 4:8).

It's human to dwell on the negative. Spouses will dwell on the socks on the floor, and not the commitment to each other that began the marriage. Church members think of an ancient slight rather than a church peopled with good, sincere members.

One day a grandfather decided to speak to his grandson.

"Grandson," he told him, "there are two wolves living in my heart, and they are at war with each other. The one is angry and cruel, the other is kind and wise."

"Grandfather," said the alarmed grandson, "Which one will win?"

"The one I feed," said the grandfather.

Do you feed and nurse feelings of resentment, bitterness, and anger? The things we dwell on feed our thinking. They nourish one wolf or the other, and it becomes strong and dominant.

Which one are you feeding? Did you know you can choose what you dwell on? Then choose!

The Apostle Paul put it this way elsewhere: "We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). Don't allow your thoughts to take you captive! Be in control of them.

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To Be Perfectly Honest...By Steve Higginbotham



Maybe you've heard about the man who came to a country church building one afternoon and asked to speak to the preacher. The man stated that he and his family were poor and hungry, and he confessed to stealing a hog to feed his family.

However, the guilt of his action pricked his conscience, and he said he couldn't eat it as much as he would like to. So he offered to give the hog to the preacher. The preacher said, "Why sir, I don't want it. You need to take it back to the man you stole it from." The poor man said, "I tried to take it back to him, but he said he didn't want it." The preacher then said, "Well, then you should keep it, feed your family with it, and have a clear conscience." The man thanked the preacher for his time and left his office.

It was only later, at the end of the day, that the preacher discovered that his hog had been stolen.

Friends, there's a difference in relating "true facts" and "telling the truth." The Pharisees of the first century had developed quite a system that salved their consciences while they were being less than honest with people (Matthew 23:16-22). I'd also say that our society isn't far behind in the way that "a lie" is frequently manipulated to be "the truth."

Jesus calls us to a more noble way of life. Our lives should be the epitome of integrity. Speaking the truth, without deception and deceit is liberating! No games, no need to remember what was said to whom, no fear, no contradiction, etc. Just the truth! Give it a try! After all, for the Christian, honesty is not the best policy, it's the only policy!

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM
Worship 11 AM
6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's
Home

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Beech Grove, TN 37018

Visitors

Always

Welcome



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of June 11, 2006

1. According to a reliable statement that should be regularly affirmed, believers in God should use care to "_____." (blanks to be filled).
2. In a passage that discusses the promise of God to Abraham's descendents as well as the plagues of Egypt, we learn that a famous Bible character was imprisoned with painful metal shackles. Who was this person?
3. Which is the better man, a poor but truthful man, or a wealthy liar? Prove it by scripture.
4. David said: "I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." This text has become popular as a song among Christians. The question: Where is the text found?
5. I found three passages that suggest that hills might hear what God says. Find any or all of them . . .there may be others.
6. Where do we find warnings about using measures that do not give full measure? (There are several.)

Answers for week of June 4, 2006

1. How can the things we say be a "minister of grace"?
They can be edifying to the hearers of our words and impart grace to them. (Most of the newer translations do not use the word "grace", but refer to

the words being beneficial to the hearer.) According to Strong's, "grace here means "graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):--acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace(-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank(-s, -worthy)." Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but **that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace** unto the hearers. (1 Pet 4:10-11 KJV) As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. {11} If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

2. What were the circumstances that had caused people to **mortgage their real estate and go in debt to pay their "royal taxes"**?

Answer: During the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem some of the nobles were extracting a usury from them. Neh 5:2 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, [are] many: therefore we take up corn [for them], that we may eat, and live. 3 [Some] also there were that said, **We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses,** that we might buy corn, because of the dearth. 4 There were also that said, **We have borrowed money for the king's tribute,** [and that upon] our lands and vineyards. 5 Yet now our flesh [is] as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and [some] of our daughters are brought unto bondage [already]: neither [is it] in our power [to redeem them]; for other men have our lands and vineyards

An alternate answer could use Joseph's management of the food in Egypt during the famine to illustrate people

giving up property rights in order to get food. Gen 47:20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's. 21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof. 22 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands. 23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

3. What **men of Ephrath married Moabite women**?

Answer: Mahlon & Chilon -- Sons of Naomi and Elimelech

Ruth 1:2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

4. If I am a friend of the world, what else am I?

Answer: An enemy of God.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

This is probably best explained by Jesus Himself: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24)

Another good answer: Not of the Father 1 Jo 2:16

5. If will do something in the Lord's sight, he will elevate us. What is that "something" we must do?

The verse will specifically relate these conditions.

Answer: Humble ourselves

James 4:10- **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.**

6. Many passages in the Bible refer to military hostilities between men, but the Lord can bring them to an end. In one passage He is pictured as destroying specific weapons and the means of transportation for warriors. Find the appropriate passage and show how it fits the question.

Answer: (Hosea 2:18-20) And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and **I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth,** and will make them to lie down safely. . . .{20} I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

Also compare Nahum 2:13 and Jer 51:19-21.

7. Who would destroy (by conflagration) so many weapons over a span of years that they would* need no firewood from woodlands? (wood* = would :)

Answer: Residents of Israel's cities. So many weapons would be burned that for seven years they would not need to cut firewood. Ezekiel 39:8 ff.

8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken. 9 **And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years: 10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire:** and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.