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## Be a Friend to Jesus

by J. Randal Matheny

Andrew Murray wrote, "A friend of Jesus is a friend of missions." In the present economic crisis, churches are cutting budgets. Cuts often begin in the missions program. Such a tactic does not sound friendly to Jesus.

Murray also wrote, "Missionary work is an example of life in a church, and brings more life." A byword among churches today is "renewal." That renewal cannot occur until we restore that mark of the New Testament church that seldom if ever appears in our sermons and writings: the mission of the church.

So when a church cuts missions, it cuts its own throat.

The outreach given impulse by mission encourages a richness of inner spirituality, genuine faith and vibrant relationship with God. Turning inward shrivels spiritual life.

Emil Brunner's oft-quoted phrase is spot on: "The church exists by mission as fire exists by burning."

In the place of gimmicks, marketing and sell-outs to the religious world, we must rediscover our singular mission of preaching the gospel to save the lost and teach the whole counsel of God for the redemptive obedience of faith.

Neither let us judge the work of mission through the lens of business, politics or patriotism. Andrew Murray again: "Missionary work is a cause of faith, where everything goes on slowly, and not according to the inclinations of men. You will learn to cling to God and His Word."

Some churches do missions by numbers. Numbers are important, because every number is a soul, but size is no gauge of success. (Continued p. 4)

### 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

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## Questions for week of June 28

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1. When taken into Assyrian captivity, which evil king of Judah repented and prayed and was returned to his kingdom?
2. What man's death during the days of David was described as being the fall of a great man and a prince?
3. Question: What prophet's fatal sickness was described as a fall? (He "fell" sick)
4. The ruin of Jerusalem and the fall of Judah came because of their words and deeds that were against God. In the context where this is described, how will children behave toward their elders?
5. What is described as "strange" in regard to an event that ended on the first day of a particular year?
6. What kind of setting up was done on the first day of a year?
7. Multiplied sin, lying, and departure from God had caused justice to be at a "distance". What had happened to "truth"?

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## Answers for week of June 21

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1. Who stated that he was born to "bear witness" unto the truth?

**Answer: Jesus.**

John 18:37 - "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

2. Who settled an argument about a woman who found a child she did not bear?

**Answer: Solomon**

1 Ki 3:16-28 "Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. 17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. 18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the

house. 19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. 20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. 22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king. 23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. 25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. 26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. 27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. 28} And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment."

3. Who has the power to bear someone up to prevent a foot injury?

**Answer: Angels.** The devil even said that the angels could bear Christ up if he jumped from the temple. But he was quoting correctly from the Psalms. Ps 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Matt 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Luke 4: 9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: 10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: 11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 12 And Jesus answering said

unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

4. What rebel was warned that his father (and supporters) were "chapped" (chafed) and compared them to a bear bereft of her cubs?

**Answer: Absalom**

2 Samuel 17:1 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: 2 And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only: 3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. 4 And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. 5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith. 6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not; speak thou. 7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time. 8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

5. In a vision, a bear appears, with one side raised. What does it have in its teeth?

**Answer: Three ribs.**

Dan 7:5 - And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

One contestant inquired as to the possible meaning of this. I personally see a parallel here with the vision of Daniel 2, and the four world empires that would arise before the Messiah came (Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek or Macedonian, and Roman). If this is the case I would see the bear as representing the Persian Empire, and the ribs representing the nations that it would conquer (and devour). The bear is a strong and dangerous animal, and would represent a brutal, devouring nation.

6. Flowing water was stopped by feet of men who had a load to bear. What were they carrying?

**Answer: The Ark of the Covenant.**

When the priests carrying the ark stepped into the Jordan, the water ceased to flow and began to build up so that the Israelites could pass through on dry ground.

Joshua 3:14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; 15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) 16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. 17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

7. What circumstances would cause a woman to devour the offspring which "she shall bear"?

**Answer: A famine brought on by the siege of an enemy on the cities of Israel and Judah as a result of their disobedience to God.**

Deu 28:56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, 57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

Lev 26:27 - And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; 28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. 29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

It actually happened when Ben-Hadad king of Aram/Syria laid siege of Samaria in 2 Kings 6:24-31. In Jer 19:9 it was mentioned as something that would happen when Judah and Jerusalem were besieged by the Babylonians. See also Lam 2:20; 4:10 and Ezek 5:10.

**Attendance and Contribution**

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
June	21	18	25	9	14	\$547
June	14	18	29	22	24	\$709
June	7	16	20	22	18	\$596
May	31	25	37	15	18	\$623

**Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests**

Remember Laura Singleton, Joe Nichols and Anna Curl in prayer as they continue their ongoing battle with physical problems.

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

Lee Rose sustained a foot injury and Iva fell recently. That is why they were unable to be in worship last Sunday. Ken and Judy’s grandson, Trenton Thomas, fell out of a swing this week and sustained a fractured collarbone. Sister Jessie Pearl Green has not been feeling well recently.

Thanks to Tim Waldron for teaching the class on Luke Wednesday night in Ken’s Absence. Ken was speaking in a Wednesday night Summer Series at Sycamore Chapel in Cheatham County (where Johnny Trail preaches).

We learned in the news that the Mason’s son-in-law, Dewayne Trail, is retiring as Rutherford County’s Agricultural Extension Agent after 36 years. We wish him the best in this new phase of life.

**Gospel Meeting-July 26-29-Leroy Dedmon**

We all need to be working and praying for the success of brother Dedmon’s work among us. He cannot make the meeting successful by himself. There are many around us who would attend if we will make sure they know about the effort and get the proper encouragement from us. And each member needs to plan to be here for every service. Sometimes things come up to hinder us, but if you don’t PLAN to be here, for sure you won’t be here!

**“Be a Friend to Jesus” Continued from p.1**

Other churches want missions on the cheap. It is important to be good stewards, but supporting a work or person because it comes cheaply confuses the miserly, selfish spirit with stewardship.

Jesus told his followers, "If you love me, you will obey my commandments" ( John 14:15 NET). He was talking to those who were already his disciples. His statement applies not only to faith and baptism, worship and singing, but to his mission and worldwide evangelism as well.

When we put budgets, buildings and benevolence before Jesus' mission, we have ceased, in Murray's words, to be a friend to Jesus. We have stopped loving Jesus and begun loving ourselves, since we think we know better than he what we should be doing.

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Assignments	June 28	July 5
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Ken Thomas
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Joe Green
(center)	Daniel Green	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
(outside)	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		