



June 29, 2008

Church of Christ at Beech Grove

meeting at Beechgrove, TN since 1875

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Welcome, Don Humphrey

Brother Humphrey will be teaching a combined adult-teen class at 10 AM. He will also speak at the 11 AM service. Ken Thomas is away in a gospel meeting in Evansville, IN.



Dying to Self

When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you don't sting and hurt with the insult or the oversight, but your heart is happy, being counted worthy to suffer for Christ, that is dying to self.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, or even defend yourself, but take it all in patient, loving silence, that is dying to self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, any impunctuality, or any annoyance; when you

stand face-to-face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility -- and endure it as Jesus endured, that is dying to self.

When you are content with any food, any offering, any climate, any society, any raiment, any interruption by the will of God, that is dying to self.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works, or itch after commendations, when you can truly love to be unknown, that is dying to self.

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Sunday Schedule

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| 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

(Wording is based on KJV)
by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of June 29

1. Who should be on the guest list when people are invited to eat with us? Why?
2. What kind of person listens to false lips and a naughty tongue?
3. Where is the campsite of the angel of the Lord?
4. What kind of people have elevated eyes, and teeth like blades that cut?
5. What man delivered a city from a siege by wisdom, but was forgotten by all?
6. Who spoke out against those who beat people and grind faces?
7. Who will be mercilessly judged?

Answers for week of June 22 (Paths)

1.. It is said that the sea lanes were discovered after Matthew Fontaine Maury heard this passage read: (Psa 8:8) "The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas." Find another passage which has this idea in it.

Answer: Isaiah 43:15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King. 16 Thus saith **the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters . . .**

Cf. Psa.77:19 and Job 38:16

2. Where are the paths of those who are forgetful of God compared to the withering of a water plant?

Answer: In Job 8. The flags are out of the water, those forgetful of God are without God, and so both are without their life-giving environment and without hope.

Job 8:11-19 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? 12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb. 13 So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: 14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web. 15 He

shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure. 16 He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden. 17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones. 18 If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee. 19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

3. In what path does God lead us?

Preferable answer: the paths of righteousness Psalm 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

This is the answer that AFFIRMS the Lord's leading and is most widely known.

Here is an APPEAL for God's leading : Psa 27:10-11 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

4. What kind (shape) of path is followed by those in a hurry to do evil and kill innocent people?

Answer: Crooked Isa 59:8

Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. 4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. 5 They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. 6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. 7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. 8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them

crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

5. What shape was the pathway John made for Jesus?

Answer: Straight.

Matt 3:1-3 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**

Also found in Mark, Luke, and John

Mark 1:2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.** 4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins

Luke 3:2 Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. 3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; 6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

John 1:19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? 20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. 21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. 22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? 23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, **Make straight the way of the Lord,** as said the prophet Esaias.

Isa 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the

wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.** 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

6. What kind of path is recommended to promote the healing of the crippled?

Answer: Straight.

Heb 12:13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

7. In a single chapter, over a span of only thirteen verses, the word "path" is used SEVEN TIMES (KJV). List the seven uses of the word, with descriptive terms and references for each.

Answers: 1 paths of judgment; 2 good path; 3 paths of uprightness; 4 crooked paths; 5 paths unto the dead; 6 paths of life; 7 paths of the righteous.

Prov 2:8 He keepeth the **paths of judgment**, and preserveth the way of his saints. 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every **good path**. 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; 11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; 13 Who leave the **paths of uprightness**, to walk in the ways of darkness; 14 Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; 15 Whose **ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths**: 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; 17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. 18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her **paths unto the dead**. 19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the **paths of life**. 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the **paths of the righteous**.

Beech Grove News and Prayer Requests

Remember in prayer: Kim Bryant (blood clot), Melissa Dickerson (MRSA), sister Green's brother Jerry Messick (cancer), William Miller at NHC (on dialysis), Laura Singleton (shut-in at home). Donna Gordon (recovering from foot surgery, Lady Ruth Reed (cancer). Laura Singleton's son Tony has an aneurism as well as a growth on the brain.

Tonight the service will consist of Bible readings, prayers, and singing.

Beech Grove Gospel Meeting - July 27 - 30

Darrell Blankenship, evangelist

Sunday morning at regular times,

Night services at 7:30

Never Too Old

Old age is dreaded by many because it is often associated with loneliness, physical decline, and a retreat to inactivity. However, history records that many people made some of their greatest contributions to society after the age of 65:

- * The Earl of Halsburg, for example, was 90 when he began preparing a 20-volume revision of English law.
- * Goethe wrote Faust at 82. Galileo made his greatest discovery when he was 73.
- * At 65, Winston Churchill became British Prime Minister for the first time and started the epic struggle against Hitler.
- * At 72, Golda Meir became Prime Minister of Israel.
- * At 80, Grandma Moses, who had started painting in her late 70s, had her first one-woman exhibit.
- * At 81, Benjamin Franklin skillfully mediated between disagreeing factions at the U.S. Constitutional Convention.
- * At 80, Winston Churchill returned to the House of Commons as a member of parliament and also exhibited 62 of his paintings.
- * At 80, Nora Cydrus became a child of God.

You probably won't read about Nora Cydrus in the textbooks of history, but this week she made the greatest decision of all history: she became a Christian, a child of God.

Nora has a dear friend, another octogenarian, named Thelma Clark. Thelma cared so much about Nora that she wanted her to know about Jesus Christ and how one can be saved from sin through Him (Ephesians 1:7). So, Thelma began to study God's

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| For the record: | 06/01 | 06/08 | 06/15 | 06/22 |
| Bible Study | 22 | 18 | 17 | 16 |
| AM Worship | 28 | 26 | 28 | |
| PM Worship | 22 | 18 | 25 | |
| Wed. Bible Study | 22 | 29 | 21 | 20 |
| Contribution | \$728 | \$487 | \$663 | \$4 |

Word with Nora and began bringing her to worship and Bible class. Then, this past Wednesday, a Christian from the Cox Boulevard church of Christ in Sheffield, AL, Julia Counts, teamed up with Thelma to teach Nora about how to respond to what Jesus had done for her (and for all of us). They studied about how Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross (Romans 5:8-10).

They read in God's Word that in order to receive the blessings of Jesus' sacrificial death, we must: believe in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

Then, Nora Cydrus confessed her faith and was baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27) to have all of her sins washed away by the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16).

She became a Christian, praising God for her salvation!

Are YOU a Christian? Both Nora and the Scriptures say, YOU are never too old and it is STILL not too late!

Won't YOU trust and obey Him today?

-- David A. Sargent, Mobile, Alabama

Dying to Self (cont. from front page)

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy, nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances, that is dying to self.

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart, that is dying to self.

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.'" (Matthew 16:24-25)

Author unknown. Shared by Alan Smith, Fayetteville, NC

| Assignments | June 29 | July 6 |
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| Song leader (SS) | Tim Waldron | Ken Thomas |
| Announcements | Joe Green | Tim Waldron |
| Songleader-Worship | Wayne Gannon | Wayne Gannon |
| Scripture reading | Daniel Green | Andy Miller |
| Opening prayer | Tim Waldron | James Mason |
| Table service (center) | Steve Miller | Daniel Green |
| (center) | Tim Waldron | Andy Miller |
| (outside) | T J Waldron | Joe Green |
| (outside) | Daniel Green | T J Waldron |
| Closing Prayer | Lee Rose | Lee Rose |
| <i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i> | | |