

| | August 20 | August 27 |
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| Song leader (SS) | Tim Waldron | Ken Thomas |
| Announcements | Joe Green | Junior Conner |
| Songleader - Worship | Wayne Gannon | Tim Waldron |
| Scripture reading | T J Waldron | Ken Lewis |
| Opening prayer | Tim Waldron | Joe Green |
| Table service (center) | Cole Gordon | Wayne Gannon |
| (center) | Joe Green | Ken Thomas |
| (outside) | Daniel Green | Junior Conner |
| (outside) | Ken Lewis | Ken Lewis |
| Closing Prayer | Lee Rose | James Mason |

Recommended TV Broadcasts:

“Search for the Lord’s Way”

Nashville WHTN - TV 39 - Sunday 10:00 am

Nashville WUXP - TV 30 - Sunday 7:00 am

“Preaching the Gospel”

Nashville FOX 17 Sunday, 7:30 am

Sick News

Sister Jessie Pearl Green had carotid artery surgery Friday in Tullahoma. She also had a great-great-granddaughter born in the same hospital at about the same time! Remember her in prayer as well as those who are dealing with long-term conditions

William Miller, father of Steve, is in MTMC. The Masons have been undergoing tests. Mason Fisher has been dealing with a lot of pain. Ann Conner is having more intense treatments for her condition.

The Roses were planning a trip to Georgia this weekend. Pray for Iva and Lee as they travel

Record of our attendance:

| Date | Classes | AM | PM | Cont. | Wed. |
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| 07/23 | 27 | 47* | 56* | \$784 | 38* |
| 07/30 | 18 | 38 | 25 | \$599? | 24 |
| 08/06 | 24 | 35 | 32 | \$642.01 | 17 |
| 08/13 | 14 | 22 | 22 | \$444.23 | 23 |
| Goals | 35 | 45 | 36 | | 35 |

Tradition (Cont. from front)

Traditions aren't necessarily wrong. We all get used to doing certain things in the same way. The problem develops when we are more adamant about holding onto our traditions than we are about keeping God's Word. It's a mistake made by the Pharisees in the time of Jesus.

"[Jesus] answered them, 'Why do you break the commandment of God because of your traditions?...Because of your traditions you have destroyed the authority of God's word.'" (Matthew 15:3,6)

Be very careful. If the only reason you practice what you do is because "this is the way we've always done it", you may need to re-evaluate what you're doing in light of scripture.

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Following Tradition



Schedule This Week

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

Home

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Visitors

Always

Welcome

In 1903, the Russian czar noticed a sentry posted for no apparent reason on the Kremlin grounds. He began to do some research to figure out why this sentry had been guarding that spot for years and years. After doing a tremendous amount of study, he discovered that the placing of a sentry in that spot dated back to 1776. In that year, Catherine the Great found the first flower of spring. She was so excited that she gave the command, "Post a sentry here so that no one tramples that flower under foot!" 127 years later, a sentry still guarded the spot, but he had no earthly idea why.

That story teaches us something about tradition and what a dangerous thing it can be. It's dangerous because it can cause us to stop thinking, to stop asking questions. We end up believing our practices and doctrines with all sincerity, but no thought is given to the question "Why?" There is no real focus other than "this is the way we have always done this; this is what we have always believed."

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Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of August 20, 2006

Can you “bear any more?”

1. Who stated that he was born to "bear witness" unto the truth?
2. Who settled an argument about a woman who found a child she did not bear?
3. Who has the power to bear someone up to prevent a foot injury?
4. What rebel was warned that his father (and supporters) were “chapped” (chafed) and compared them to a bear bereft of her cubs?
5. In a vision, a bear appears, with one side raised? What does it have in its teeth?
6. Flowing water was stopped by feet on men who had a load to bear? What were they carrying?
7. What circumstances would cause a woman to devour the offspring which “she shall bear”?
8. (This one is an un-bear question.) :>)
When taken into Assyrian captivity, which evil king of Judah repented and prayed and was returned to his kingdom?

Answers for week of August 13, 2006

There is an old Bible riddle which asks what eight men milked a bear. Of course the answer is based on a corrupted spelling, and word order that is not found in all translations. Anyway, the answer is a quote from Genesis 22:23 (ASV), "these eight did Milcah bear". The questions this week are connected with the word "bear"

1. Where is a wicked ruler compared to a bear?

Answer: Proverbs 28:15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people

2. What four things can the earth not bear?

Answer: A servant who rules, a well-fed fool; an odious (unpleasant) married woman, and a handmaid who will inherit what her mistress has.

Prov. 30: 21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear: 22 For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat; 23 For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

3. What man said that a proposed punishment was more than he could bear?

Answer: Cain

Genesis 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. 13 And

Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

4. Name two pairs of men who were so wealthy that their home area could not "bear" them

Answers: Abraham and Lot, Jacob and Esau
Gen 13:5 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 **And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great,** so that they could not dwell together.

Genesis 36:6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob.

7 For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.

5. What two women were told that they were going to bear a son by the same man?

Answer: Hagar and Sarah, a son by Abraham.

Genesis 16:8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. 9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11 And the angel

of the LORD said unto her, Behold, **thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael;** because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

Genesis 18: 9 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. 10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, **Sarah thy wife shall have a son.** And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

Gen 17:19 And God said, **Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac:** and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

6. What priest warned that the land of Israel could not bear the words of Amos?

Answer: Amaziah

Amos 7:10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, **Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.**

7. Under what condition did a woman bear iniquity but her husband did not?

Answer: When she had been unfaithful

Numbers 5:29 This is the law of jealousies, **when a wife goeth aside to another instead of her husband, and is defiled;** 30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. 31 **Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.**