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Willing to Be Weird

Alan Smith, Thought for the Day 3/30/07

I have a good friend who recently taught a Bible class made up of 4-year-olds. The lesson dealt with one of the widows in the New Testament and the teacher asked the children if they knew what a widow was. When they responded to her question with blank stares, she explained a widow like this: "If a man and a woman are married and the man dies, then the woman would be a widow." The children seemed to grasp the concept.

However, one of the little girls went home and, in the course of explaining what she learned in Bible class, told her mother, "I learned that if Daddy dies, then you'll be a weirdo!"

The truth is, God calls all of us as Christians to be "weirdos". A life of faith has always meant living a life that's different from everyone else. The Hebrew writer tells us that our faith takes us "outside the camp" (13:13). We need to come to see ourselves as "outside the camp" of the world's value system. We must accept the fact that in doing so we will be seen as different from the world -- sometimes radically different.

I'm not talking here about isolation from the world. We can't be salt and light to the world if we isolate ourselves. But it's a serious problem when we begin to adopt the same goals of the world, when we're immersed in the things of the world, when we talk like they talk and have the same priorities they do. When that happens, then we become totally indistinguishable from the world. We're no longer different and we've become comfortable "inside the camp".

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

Just a little food for thought: Are we prepared to be seen as "weirdos" when our faith takes us "outside the camp"?

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 September 23, 2007

1. Where is an aggressive sheep which picks on the weaker sheep described, as a picture of the oppression of God's people and their need for being saved by God?
2. One book of the Bible has several references to the 13th day of a month as a day in which a decree of death to the Jews was written and sealed. The decree was to be carried out on the 13th of another month. The Jews were able to defend themselves against the death decree, and established a celebration of their victory. Give the days of the month when the celebration was held, and the name of the celebration. (Give reference for both the dates and name of celebration)
3. A man of God was mistakenly mis-identified as an Egyptian who led a huge gang of murderers. Who?
4. On what occasion did sharing fruit with another person lead to sin?
5. What caused both darkness and the destruction of fruit?
6. What is to be the Christian's treatment of those that are involved in non-fruitbearing acts of the "dark" life?
7. What prevents a lack of fruit in knowing the Lord?

Answers for week of September 16, 2007

1. Who was forbidden to marry a divorced woman or foreigner, but could marry a single woman (or a widow of a man who had held the same position as he did)?

Answer: The sons of Zadok, who served as priests before God, were forbidden to marry a divorced woman or foreigner, but were permitted to marry a virgin of the house of Israel, or a widow whose former husband was a priest. Lev. 21:14 says a HIGH priest could not marry a widow, but in Ezekiel's day we learn that the Zadokites could marry a widow of a former priest. Ezek. 48:11 asserts that the Levites "went astray", but chapter 44 indicates that the Zadok family of Levitical priests had served when other Levites were going astray, so the instructions in Ezekiel are for the Zadokites.

Ezek 48:11 "It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray."

Ezek 44:15-23 "But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when

the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD: {16} They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. {17} And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. {18} They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat. {19} And when they go forth into the utter court, even into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments. {20} Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads. {21} Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. {22} **Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.** {23} And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean."

2. What king and kingdom were the source of temple timbers in the days of Solomon's temple project?

Answer: Hiram (Hiram), king of Tyre, who had become endeared to David when David's own house was being built.

Hiram and David: (2 Sam 5:11) "And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house."

Hiram and Solomon: (1 Ki 5:1-10) "And **Hiram king of Tyre** sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for

Hiram was ever a lover of David. {2} And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, {3} Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. {4} But now the LORD

my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent. {5} And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name. {6} Now therefore command thou that they **hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon**; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians. {7} And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. {8} And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and **I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.** {9} My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. {10} So **Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.**"

(1 Ki 9:11) "(Now **Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,**) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee."

(2 Chr 2:3) "And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, **As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.**"

3. Jesus spoke of improper dishwashing in Matthew 23. But who spoke of the habits of a man wiping a dish? Find the scripture.

Answer : The Lord

2 Kings 2:12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will **wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.**

4. Before Israel ever had asked for a king, God knew

that they would do so, and stated three specific things that the king should not have large amounts of. Name these three things, and give the reference. (In the same text God instructed that the king should write a copy of the law, read it all his life, etc. so he would prosper as a king.)

Answer: He was not to multiply horses, wives, or wealth. In other words, he was not to own many horses (in particular Egyptian horses!), have many wives, or accumulate gold and silver Deuteronomy 17: 14 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; 15 Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. 16 But **he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, o the end that he should multiply horses:** forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth **return no more that way.** 17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: **neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.** 18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall **write him a copy of this law in a book** out of that which is before the priests the Levites: 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall **read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:** 20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may **prolong his days in his kingdom,** he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

5. (Followup on #4) God warned that Israel would ask for a king so they could be like other nations, and the king was instructed (long before Israel was a kingdom) to write the law and read it as long as he was king. Though many kings violated some of these prohibitions, who is best known for flagrantly ignoring these things. Give evidence on each of the three items.

Answer The one king who obviously leads the pack in these areas is Solomon. Wisdom did not prevent disobedience.

Horses - I Kings 4:26-28; II Chron. 9:28

Wives - I Kings 11:1-8;

Gold & Silver - I Kings 10:14-29; II Chron. 9:13-28 Obviously, there is some overlapping, but these texts clearly show that Solomon, to his injury, did not comply with the commands of his God."

Also note this striking passage about the horses "imported from Egypt." **I Kings 10:28. And silver was as common in Jerusalem as stones.** How much more could Solomon have done to violate every aspect of the "law for kings" from Deuteronomy 17? Please read the references above for the full impact of Solomon's disobedience.

From Lito Batoon in the Philippines I received this well organized answer

ON SILVER AND GOLD:

His income was, for one year, at any rate, 666 talents of gold (1 Ki 10:14),

ON HORSES: This alliance with Egypt led to the introduction of horses into Israel (1 Ki 10:28 f), The best of these Solomon no doubt retained for his own cavalry (1 Ki 10:26). And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

ON WIFE/WIVES

Solomon's principal wife was naturally the daughter of Pharaoh; it was for her that his palace was built (1 Ki 3:1; 7:8; 9:16,24). But in addition to her he established marriage relations with the neighboring peoples. In some cases the object was no doubt to cement an alliance, as with the Zidonians and Hittites and the other nationalities (1 Ki 11:1), He had 700 wives I Kings 11:3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

6. What kind of person is specifically pointed out in the Bible as not yet knowing as much as he should, but not being aware of his lack of knowledge?

Answer: The man who thinks he knows, knows

For the record:	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16
Bible Study	22	18	18	17
AM Worship	29	24	34	29
PM Worship	21	21		27
Wed. Bible Study	21	21	17	16
Contribution	\$532.81	\$626		\$513

nothing as he ought to. He is unaware of his lack of knowledge.

I Cor. 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. 2 And **if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.**

Isn't it interesting that the hardest people to convert to Christ are the people who think they already know the will of God? People who know they need teaching are often like sponges to eagerly absorb truth.

7. What kind of addiction seems to be commended in the Bible? (KJV wording)

Answer: "addiction to serving the saints."

I Cor. 16:15: "I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephan as, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that **they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints**),..."

Hey, YOU! Are you addicted to serving the saints??

Prayer needs: Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation. Samuel Curl is scheduled for corrective cranial surgery Tuesday at Vanderbilt. Continue to remember the needs of Marine Steven Metzler (pacemaker), Fowler Todd in Adams Place, Charlene Turbo (bronchitis and dog bites), William Miller at NHC, sister Singleton at home, and others who are plagued with weaknesses of various kinds but still make it to services.

Area Events

"Faith and Finance" seminar with Jim Palmer at Hillsboro, September 28-30. Schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

Assignments	September 23	September 30
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Mason Fisher	Joe Green
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Wayne Gannon
(center)	Nick Graham	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Daniel Green	Junior Conner
(outside)	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	James Mason
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