



**September 2, 2007**

# Beech Grove Church of Christ

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## First Friday, Then Sunday, Finally Monday

By Steve Higginbotham

It was Friday...

- \* When Jesus was betrayed, denied, and abandoned by his friends.
- \* When he was tried before Pilate.
- \* When the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and mocked him.
- \* When Jesus was stripped of his clothing and nailed to a cross.
- \* When people passed by and mocked and spit upon Jesus.
- \* When Jesus said it was finished, and he died and was buried.

Then Sunday arrived...

\* Imagine the joy and excitement that must have been experienced by his disciples. Think how amazed they must have been. Think how humbled they must have felt to be in the presence of Jesus, the risen Lord. Their faith, no doubt, must have reached its zenith on that Sunday.

But now, we live in Monday...

\* We didn't see the events of Sunday. We didn't witness the initial excitement of the resurrection. It's Monday, not Friday or Sunday. Is our faith strong enough to sustain us through Monday? Can we live with the same excitement and joy on Monday as those early disciples possessed on that resurrection Sunday? Can we? Maybe a better question is, "Do we?" Friends, the crucifixion on Friday, and the resurrection on Sunday mean nothing to us if we won't live for Him on Monday.

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### Sunday Schedule

<b>Bible Classes</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday: Bible Classes</b>	<b>7 PM</b>

### 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 September 2

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1. When is a neighbor better than a brother?
2. What passage contains a request for a blessing (from each member of the Godhead) upon the readers?
3. What tribe of Israel seemed to be the leader in idolatry and Baal worship? Give the reference from a book of prophecy.
4. Who went to meet a king unwashed (implied), unshaven, and with unlaundered clothes?
5. Because lying, slander, and deceit had become a way of life, a message was given to warn against trusting neighbors or "brothers". Who gave the warning, and in what passage?
6. The City of God described in Revelation had 12 gates. What characteristic of those gates is associated with an animal named elsewhere in the Bible? Give the other reference (not in Revelation).
7. What specific reasons are given for people in scripture offering strong drink to another person. (There are several)
8. What kind of people are compared to a body of water that has become very dirty due to its turbulence?

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## Answers for week of August 26, 2007

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1. For the people of Ephraim, was "flying glory" a blessing or a punishment?  
**Answer: Punishment**  
Hosea 9: 11 **As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.** 12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!
2. If Israel would plant in righteousness and reap in mercy, what kind of rain would God send?  
**Answer: Righteousness.** When we are righteous and merciful, God outpours His blessings that

attend such a life, but a life of sin and arrogant confidence in human power will also bear its bad fruit.

Hosea 10: 11 And Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods. 12 **Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.** 13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

3. When was Ephraim exalted, and when did "he" die?

**Answer: When Ephraim (the Ephraimites) spoke trembling, (with humility, not arrogance) he pleased God and was exalted. When he became an idolater and worshipped Baal, he died.**

(Hosea 13:1-4) "When **Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself** in Israel; but **when he offended in Baal, he died.** 2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. 3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. 4 Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me."

4. What passage speaks of a message (from nature) which is understood in every tongue?

**Answer: Psa 19:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. {2} Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. {3} There is no speech nor**

**language, where their voice is not heard.**

5. According to Jesus, what were the heathen (non-Jews) seeking, in contrast to what Christ's followers should seek?

**Answer: Food, drink, and clothing, etc.**

Mt. 6:24-33 - 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. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall **eat**, or what ye shall **drink**; nor yet for your body, **what ye shall put on**. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than **raiment**? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father **feedeth** them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for **raiment**? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, **What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?** 32 **(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:)** for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you..

6. One mother was so worried that her son would marry a girl from the same nation his brother had, she told her husband that she wouldn't have a reason to live if it happened. Who was this concerned mother?

**Answer: Rebekah**

(Gen 27:46 ) And **Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?** (28:1) And Isaac called Jacob, and

blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. {2} Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. {3} And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; {4} And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham. {5} And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. {6} When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; {7} And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram; {8} And **Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; {9} Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.**

7. Who claimed that he was "about to burst" like a container for grape juice?

**Answer: Elihu.** He was the youngest of Job's "comforters," who spoke to Job after the three friends--Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar--failed to give convincing answers to Job's questions. He is identified as the "son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram."

Job 32:5-20 - 5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled. 6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion. 19 Behold, **my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.** 20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.

Assignments	September 2	September 9
<b>Song leader (SS)</b>	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
<b>Announcements</b>	Joe Green	Junior Conner
<b>Songleader-Worship</b>	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
<b>Scripture reading</b>	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
<b>Opening prayer</b>	Lee Rose	Wayne Gannon
<b>Table service (center)</b>	Mason Fisher	Joe Green
<b>(center)</b>	Andy Miller	Nick Graham
<b>(outside)</b>	T J Waldron	Junior Conner
<b>(outside)</b>	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Andy Miller	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact</i>	<b>Junior</b>	

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Please remind Ken of any news.

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Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation. Sister Rosemary M. was back last Sunday after a bout with acute bronchitis. Sister Singleton has been suffering due to the extreme heat and her breathing problems. Brother and Sister Rose are still about the same. Sister Green and sister Trail continue to attend regularly despite their health problems. Brother Mason has had several tests lately regarding his back and leg pain. William Miller has had his second eye surgery. He is at NHC in Murfreesboro.

We should appreciate those who fight through their physical pain and try to come to services regularly. For those who are unable to do so, we need to continue to encourage them to persevere and to work toward the day when they can return.

Pray for those we are trying to bring to Christ locally. Pray for the children in school who are without a sense of direction.

Pray for the spread of the gospel throughout the world. Millions are dying without the gospel and slipping into "eternity's night". About the time of our meeting our attendance chart was deleted due to missing numbers. Here are the figures for this past week:  
 Bible Study 22 - AM Worship 29 - PM Worship 21  
 Wednesday Bible Study 21 - Contribution \$532.81

## Retaliation

If we are hurt, put down, abused, or cheated, our first impulse is to "get even" or "get back." The law of Moses allowed this. It was eye for eye and tooth for tooth. The attitude was, "If you hurt me, I will hurt you." Jesus taught us to respond in a different way.

"You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil" ( Matthew 5:38,39).

Jesus knew that evil cannot be conquered by retaliation. Returning evil for evil only serves to perpetuate and magnify the wrong. Retaliation does not help the retaliator -- anger, resentment, and hate still remain in his heart. It does not help the one who received retaliation. It only makes him want to strike back again. Strife cannot cease between two enemies until one decides to absorb the wrong without seeking retaliation. Jesus' death exemplified this.

"...and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously" ( 1 Peter 2:23).

This does not mean that evil will not be punished or righteousness will not be vindicated. God will take care of vengeance in his own good time and in his own way. Paul encouraged Christians to pay back good for evil.

"Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord. But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him drink ... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" ( Romans 12:19-21).

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