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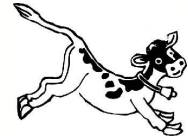
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Catching Calves



Got a new batch of calves last week. Seems that's a ritual I have to go through each spring. One thing a person needs before opening the gate of that trailer and turning them loose is some kind of a strategy for catching them again. I learned long ago that you don't just "drive" those critters into a small enclosure. You have to try to outsmart them. So, what do we do? We place their water and feed inside that corral, and eventually, they find their way inside, and you close the gate. Well, at least, that's the way it's supposed to work.

But, it does not always go according to the book. Generally, there's at least one in the herd that refuses to get with the program. In my case this year, it's a red white-faced heifer who dared me to try to pen her. What does one do? My plan is to place the feed just outside the enclosure, then move it a few inches (maybe a foot) closer each day. Before she knows it, she's inside, and that gate is closed. That's worked before, and it worked for me this week.

What's the point of all this "calf-catching" stuff? Just to point out that Satan used that strategy long

before I did. He knows he's not likely to "pen" a person in one fell swoop. So, he's patient; he's willing to move his victim one step at a time. An armed robber probably did not begin his career at a bank or convenience store. Maybe he stole somebody's pocket change or shoplifted an item at Walmart. An alcoholic did not envision himself as a drunkard; it likely started with just a beer with the boys. The drug addict begins with some pot or pills, then moves on to stronger stuff. The backslider did not intend to quit the church. Just miss a service here and there, and the first thing you know he's a full-fledged apostate.

It's like Achan about whom we read in Joshua 7:21. He looked, then coveted, then took those two hundred shekels of silver, that wedge of gold, and that beautiful Babylonian garment. Remember, Satan is patient, and sin is progressive. It's better to never start down that road.

Walter Buchanan, Waxahatchie, Texas
via bulletin, Berryville, Arkansas

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 Oct. 19

1. What "earthshaking" event is used to date Amos?
2. What was the source of a sound that had to be heard as Aaron went in and out of the holy place to prevent his death?
3. What had Israelite people done that caused blushing and embarrassment to a praying priest?
4. Name at least three kings of whom it is said that he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord.
5. What kind of person does what is right in his own eyes?
6. Where is a passage that connects wisdom and discretion with restful sleep?
7. What passage speaks of a fear of heights by those growing older?

Answers for week of October 12 (Family)

1. Who wanted to kiss his parents before entering his ministry? (He also served ox meat before he left them.)

Answer: Elisha, son of Shaphat, became minister to Elijah.

1Ki 19:19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who [was] plowing [with] twelve yoke [of oxen] before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. 20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and [then] I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? 21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

2. What father was known for feeding birds?

Answer: God, our Heavenly Father

Matthew 6:26; Luke 12:24, Job 38:41, and others

Mat. 6:25 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?

Luke 12: 24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

Job 38:41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

Psalms 147:9. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

Genesis 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

"Whenever I see a small bird drinking water from a puddle by the side of the road. To think that God in his infinite wisdom has provided for a lowly creature like that. And how much more important I am with a living soul!! All he has provided for me..." - quote from Billy Yarbrough

3. Question: What prophet laments the dishonor to God's name when a father and son are intimate with the same woman?

Answer: Amos. (Amos 2:6-7)

Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; 7} That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name:

See also Ezek. 22:11, 1 Cor. 5:1-2; and Gen. 35:22, 1 Chron. 5:1 for additional examples of this sin. But the Amos passage fits the question better.

4. Who expressed a curse on the one who took news of his birth to the father?

Answer: Jeremiah. Jer 20:14-18

Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed. 15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad. 16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide; 17 Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me. 18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

5. Who was both Paul's son and brother? In what way?

First Answer: Timothy was Paul's "son in faith" since Paul had taught him the gospel. They were also "brothers in Christ."

SON:

1 Tim 1:2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Tim 1:18 son Timothy,. . .

2 Tim 1:2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son:

1 Corinthians 4:14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. 15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. 16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. 17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

Philippians 2:19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. 20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. 21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. 22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel. 23 Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me. 24 But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

BROTHER

2 Cor 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:

Colossians 1:1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother.

Phile 1:1 Paul,..., and Timothy our brother

1 Thessalonians 3:2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith

A second answer, less commonly known but just as applicable: **Onesimus**.

Philemon 1:10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: 11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me: 12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels: 13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel: 14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly. 15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever; 16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved,

specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

(Places)

6. What three cities beginning with the letter "H" were places where prisoners from 2 and a half tribes were taken by the Assyrians?

Answer: Halah, Habor, and Hara.

1 Chr 5:26 "And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day."

Other references give these names, but I think this is the only verse that mentions all three places and the names of the tribes as well. The immediate context speaks of the military strength of these tribes, but they fell because of their disobedience to God, including idolatry.) See verse 25 in context of 1 Chr 5:18-26.

7. What capital city of the Ammonites was destined to be a place for camels?

Answer: Rabbah (presently Amman, Jordan)

Ezek. 25:5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couchingplace for flocks: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. 6 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast clapped thine hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel; 7 Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

From Parson's Bible Atlas: - Rabbah (capital city of Ammon)[RAB-uh; "great" or "citadel"]

The capital city of Ammon, known as "Rabbah of the Ammonites." Situated on the King's Highway, at the headwaters of the Jabbok River, it is now known as Amman, the capital of Jordan. First mentioned as the resting place of King Og's iron bedstead, David later besieged and captured the city in his war against the Ammonite king Hanun, consigning its inhabitants to forced labor. Rabbah regained its independence during the divided kingdom, and several prophecies against the city and its people appear thereafter in the oracles of the prophets. Conquered and rebuilt by Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-246 B.C.), Rabbah was renamed Philadelphia, and after the Roman conquest it became a member of the Decapolis. Deut 3:11; Josh 13:25; 2 Sam 11:1; 2 Sam 12:26-31; Jer 49:2-3 also Rabbath KJV

Is the Church About Me?

by Stan Mitchell

"For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 2:21).

In a now famous event, a new church in southern California took a survey of its community and asked the immortal question: "What would you like in a church?" The result today is a mega-church of thousands, where everything is done -- from the style of worship to the architecture of their building -- to please the fondest desires of the community.

So what do you want in a church?

Youth programs? Friendliness? An opportunity to serve? The likeability of the preacher? Doctrines that are compatible with your personal world view? A church that doesn't ask you to change a thing?

Not all of these considerations are entirely bad, but frankly, it troubles me to think that the most important decision you will ever make -- your eternal destiny -- is made on the same basis as an afternoon at the shopping mall. The creativity of the window display and friendliness of the saleslady may be fine as criteria for buying an earring, but surely our spiritual decisions should be based on something more profound!

Is doing church about what I like? Are my preferences and tastes relevant? Is it about me at all? Lost in the translation of selfish desires is this question: What does Jesus Christ want in a church? Once we've determined that, the decision is made!

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Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Laura Singleton is back in the hospital. She is at Harton in Tullahoma. William Miller is at NHC. Vadna Trail was not feeling well this week. Jessie Pearl Green was scheduled to return to the doctor this week after receiving blood last week. Wymer Wiser, former preacher here and at Fairfield is quite sick and needs our prayers.

Bible Bowl - Next month we will be at New Union and will be tested on Luke 5-8.

We received a nice thank you note from Sandy and Wayne Toops. "We want to thank you all for being so kind to Kristen and taking her into your church with open arms."

Welcome, visitors

Last week: BS 18 MW 25 EW 22 Wed 17 Cont.

Givers and Takers

This week at school some students were expressing their dissatisfaction with having to pay fees to help cover some of the expenses of classroom supplies. "We have to come, and school is supposed to be free," one said. I observed that someone has to pay for the operation of school, and I mentioned the fact that because some people consider education as important, they donate thousands and millions of dollars to various schools. "Some are givers and others are takers," I said. A boy, trying to be cute said, "I'm a taker."

I thought about that statement. So are the louse, the leech, the mosquito, and tick. They are takers!
Acts 20:34 Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. 35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Ken Thomas

Assignments	October 19	October 26
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
Table service (center)	Cole Gordon	Wayne Gannon
(center)	Joe Green	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Daniel Green	Junior Conner
(outside)	T J Waldron	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason