



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## OMG and Other Profanities

“OMG” . . .the words connected with these three letters, “Oh MY GOD” are used to express joy at winning a prize, dismay upon hearing about a tragedy, reaction to getting a bad grade, getting a good grade, seeing an unexpected person, etc. It happens so often that even secular magazines have had articles about the “profaning” of the name of God. This combination of three letters (and other combinations which are texted by cell phone and internet connections to express vulgarities related to sexual activities) are often seen by “uninitiated” adults who have no clue what they mean when used by teenagers and those who by age are adults. If confronted about what they are writing, the offenders excuse it by saying, “Oh, I don’t think about that, it’s just some letters that we use in our messages”

The words people speak and write not only shape the thinking of others, but they often betray the condition of the heart and innermost thoughts (Mat 12:34-37 . . . for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (Compare Luke 6:45.)

The concept which connects words with attitudes is ancient, stated clearly by God himself in the Ten Commandments. (Exo 20:7) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. (Also Deu 5:11)

**The holy name of God was to be held sacred.** (Lev 19:12) And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, **neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God:** I am the LORD. (Lev 22:32-33) Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the (Continued page 3)

### 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 October 25

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1. What child was left "breathless", but later experienced a personal "revival"?

2. What was the question Abner asked about "the sword"?

And of whom was the question asked?

3. What king decreed that the person who changed his orders was to be "hung" on lumber from his own house?

4. Introduction to the question: Ephesians 5: 25-26 speaks of the cleansing of the church with the washing of water with the word. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, +27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. The question: Can you find a New Testament passage which expresses the cleansing ability of the words of Jesus?

5. What house was holy but was to become an object of scorn when God "cast it out of his sight"? There are at least two separate references that speak of this.

6. What valued substances were transported over water along with animals (ape and peacock)?

7. What well-educated apostle had experience with both stocks and bonds but did not have much success making financial gain with them?

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## Answers for week of October 18

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1. Whose name is described as being reverend?

**Answer: The Lord.**

Psalms 111:1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. 2 The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. . . 9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: **holy and reverend is his name.**

Psalms 89:7 - God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all

them that are about him.

Isn't it interesting that some religious leaders proudly take the adjective that describes the reverence that belongs to God's name and apply it to themselves??

2. What animal is said to "take hold" with its hands?

**Answer The spider**

Proverbs 30:28 "The **spider taketh hold with her hands**, and is in kings' palaces."

3. In the New Testament breaking of bread refers to eating a meal, or partaking in communion (depending on context), but in at least one Old Testament passage it is used to describe a shortage of food brought on by God. Find the passage and explain its meaning.

**Answer:** Due to sin, Israel was to be punished by famine. Bread is sometimes called the staff of life, and a staff is comparable to a walking stick on which someone leans. **To break the staff of bread is to destroy the strength by which the nation could stand.** See the passages that follow.

Here is a website that gives a fuller perspective <http://www.topical-bible-studies.org/11-0016.htm>

Leviticus 26:23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; 24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. 25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. 26 And **when I have broken the staff [Strong's: matteh] of your bread**, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

Psa 105:7 He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth. . . Psa 105:16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.

The fact that bread would be carefully measured by weight indicates the shortage of food. There are three passages in Ezekiel:

Ezek 4:16-17 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: 17 That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.

Ezek 5:16 When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the

famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread:  
Ezek 14:13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

Because of the Israelites' unfaithfulness, God caused famine.

Lam 4:4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.

**4.** A wine cup of precious metal in God's hand is used to describe a city that had caused "madness" in the earth. What is the name of the city?

**Answer: Babylon -**

Jeremiah 51:6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence. 7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. 8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

**5.** How many "winds of heaven" are mentioned in the Bible? And if possible, state what is meant by winds of heaven?

**Answer: Four.**

1. Winds coming from the four points of the compass -- This means they are coming from every direction...

2. The four winds of heaven in Daniel 11 are figuratively descriptive of the division of Alexander's kingdom into four parts; Egypt, which was ruled by the king of the south; Syria-Babylon, which was ruled by the king of the north; Asia Minor and Greece.

Jer. 49:36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come

Eze. 37:9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

Dan. 7:2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

Dan 8:8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

Dan 11:4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his

dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

Zech 2:6 Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. Mark 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Rev 7:1 . . . I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

**6.** What king died in "a good old age"?

**Answer: David -** 1 Chronicles 29:27 And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem. 28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

**7.** What character in the book of Genesis was promised that he would die in a "good old age" and according to scripture he did so? To get this one you need to find two verses, the one with the promise and the one with the fulfillment.

**Answer: Abraham -** Genesis 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. 15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

Genesis 25:8 - - Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

**8.** Name another man who "died in a good old age."

**Answer: Gideon -** Judges 8:32 And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

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children of Israel: I am the LORD which hallow you, 33 That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD. It was the enemies of God who had no respect for the name of God. (Psa 139:20) For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

Sadly, some of those who at one time named Christ as their Lord have become vulgar in the pursuit of being "cool" and "clever". I do not dare be more explicit in this bulletin lest I be accused of "saying those words" It is hard to show the depth of a problem without giving specific

examples, but the vulgarities of today go much farther than the euphemisms, expletives, cursing and by-words of the past. "Gosh" for God, "gee" for Jesus, "heck" for hell, and "darn" for damn are euphemisms which seem mild in comparison. Even those should be avoided if we want to protect our Christian influence, for those who would criticize our walk with Christ are ready to pounce on any ignorant speech or words suggestive of coarseness of life. (1 Tim 6:20) O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, **avoiding profane and vain babblings**, and oppositions of science falsely so called: (2 Tim 2:16) But **shun profane and vain babblings**: for they will increase unto **more ungodliness**. (Titus 2:7-8) In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8 **Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.**

Bridling the tongue is difficult, and words written in unthinking conversation whether spoken or written come easy when they are reduced to an acronym, and abbreviation of a phrase or sentence. But we need to think before we speak or write, and refrain from any hint of evil. (1 Pet 3:10) For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. ( James 1:26 ) If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. (James 3:5-13) Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10 **Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.** 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. 13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

Let all who name Christ as savior be careful **what** they say and write, and **how** they say it.

Note: Anyone who believes I am overstating the problem needs to look in a dictionary and look up the roots of common by-words, and they need to insert the letters of common abbreviations into an internet search program and see what the common meanings are understood to be.

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## Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Oct	18	15	24	16	13	\$527
Oct	11	17	25	20	15	\$684
Oct	4	11	23	23	15	\$661
Sept	27	13	18	19	13	\$701

## Beech Grove News / Prayer Requests

Pray for . . .

- ★ Military personnel: Andy Miller family in Japan; Adam Thomas at Camp LeJeune
- ★ Those suffering from typhoons, earthquakes, flooding, etc.
- ★ Those who have lost loved ones to death.
- ★ The Beech Grove community, that they will hear the gospel.
- ★ Christians as we try to teach the gospel by the means that we have.
- ★ Pray for those who being tempted by Satan to forsake the Lord and His church.
- ★ The sick and injured.
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## Programs to Watch and Share with Others

**IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY**

**Sundays @ 7:00 am on WUXP-TV 30**

**Sundays @ 10:00 am on WHTN-TV 39**

**Mack Lyon, speaker**

**[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)**

**PREACHING THE GOSPEL**

**Sundays @ 7:30 am WUXP-TV30**

**James Watkins, speaker**

Assignments	October 25	November 1
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Ken Thomas
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Junior Conner
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Ken Thomas	Steve Miller
(center)	Wayne Gannon	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Steve Miller	T J Waldron
(outside)	Junior Conner	Cole Gordon
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose
<b><i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i></b>		

