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Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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HE TOLD ME IN ALL SINCERITY THAT:

He wanted to come to the church services but he had no way; yet he goes every where else he wants to go

He loved lost souls and wanted them to be saved; yet he never found time or opportunity to speak a good word for Christ to anyone.

He wanted to win his wife to Christ; yet he attended worship services most irregularly, takes a social drink now and then, and is often unchristian in his actions.

He believes in speaking where the Bible speaks and remaining silent where it is silent; yet he displays an amazing ignorance of the scriptures and sees no

need to attend Bible classes.

He truly loves the Lord; yet he does not enjoy ownership of God enough to be present at every service.

He thinks we have a solemn obligation to care for orphans to help the needy, and to preach the gospel in distant lands and at home; yet he gives only a pitifully small amount of his salary and does not know the meaning of sacrifice for the Lord.

Now I am in a quandary, for he told me this in all earnestness. What do you think? Is he sincere?

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Monitor Main Street Church of Christ, Manchester, TN

Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM

Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM
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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 November 1

1. What does Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, have in common with a different Jacob who is mentioned in the New Testament?

(Be careful, for the Jacob of Old Testament fame is referred to in the New Testament several times. You must find another Jacob in the New Testament before you can compare the two.)

2. How old was Joseph when he made a "bad" report about his half-brothers to Jacob?

3. According to the Psalms, of what had the prideful been guilty of forging against the writer?

4. According to scripture an important feast of Israel had been neglected from the days of Joshua until the days of Nehemiah. What feast was it?

5. Trusting in the help (referred to as shade) of a foreign country would cause the people of Israel to be confused and ashamed. What country was specifically mentioned in this context?

6. In what context did God state that His people would be saved by returning and resting, and they would be strong in being quiet and confident?

7. If one were to examine the mouth of Jesus, something that is in the mouth of most men would not be found in His mouth. What was not in the mouth of Jesus?

Answers for week of October 25

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

Answer: The son of the widow who lived at Zarephath

(1 Ki 17:10) So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the Ogate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. . . . 17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she

said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? 19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. 20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? 21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. 22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

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

Answer: Abner asked Joab, "Shall the sword devour for ever?" This was just after the death of Asahel when Abner thrust the blunt end of his spear backwards to get him to stop chasing him, but the spear ended up going through Asahel and killed him. Abishai and Joab continued to pursue Abner until the sun went down and the troops from Benjamin joined Abner on a hill.

2 Sam 2:26 - Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren? 27 And Joab said, As God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother. 28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

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

Answer: Darius.

In Ezra 5 Tattnai and his companions had challenged the Jews with building without authority, and the Jews claimed that Cyrus had given them permission. So at the command of Darius, (Ezra 6) search was made of the archives, and the decree of Cyrus was found. The decree of Cyrus clearly pointed out the authority which had allowed the Jews to build (verses 3-5). Darius (beginning in verse 6) makes a decree of his own that the building continue unhindered and be supported as well. His own decree was designed to guarantee

compliance, since anyone who altered "this word" was to be hanged on a timber taken down from his own house. So.... the answer is Darius, not Cyrus. Mention is made both of Cyrus' decree and Darius' decree. But by this time Cyrus was dead: the decree of punishment was made by Darius.

Ezra 6:1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. 2 And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:3 In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree . . .6 Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shetharboznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence: 7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place. . . . 10 That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. 11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.13 Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shetharboznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

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?

Answer: YES!

John 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

See also Matthew 8:2-3, Mark 1:40-44; Luke 5:12-14. These have Jesus speaking, "Be thou clean" in the process of healing leprosy.

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.

Answer: Solomon's temple was the holy house that became an object of scorn when God "cast it out of his sight". 2 Chron. 7:20 It is also true that the "**house of Israel, God's chosen people (or house)**", was rejected due to their sins. They became a scorned people. But in the context of the verses given, it seems to me that a clear distinction is made between Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem (representing the people), and the house where God said his name would be.

2 Chr 7:11-20 - "Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected. 12 And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. 13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. 16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. . . . 20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and **this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.**"

(1 Ki 9:6-10) "But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: 7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and **Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:** 8 And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to **this house?** 9 And they shall answer, Because **they forsook** the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil. 10 And it came to pass at the end of

twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, . . .

2Kings 23:27 - And the Lord said, **I will remove Judah** also out of my sight, **as I have removed Israel**, and will **cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.**

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

Answer: Gold, silver, and ivory were transported by Solomon's navy .

1Kings 10:22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. (Also 2 Chronicles 9:21)

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

Answer: Paul

Evidence that he was **well educated:**

Acts 22:3. I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

(Stocks and bonds)

Acts 16: 24 - Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and **made their feet fast in the stocks.** **25. And at midnight Paul** and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Acts 21:33 - Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and **commanded him to be bound with two chains;** and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

Acts 22:25. - And **as they bound him with thongs, Paul** said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

Acts 28:20 - For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel **I am bound with this chain.**

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Oct	25	15	22	22	12	\$568
Oct	18	15	24	16	13	\$527
Oct	11	17	25	20	15	\$684
Oct	4	11	23	23	15	\$661

Beech Grove News / Prayer Requests

Junior Conner is in St. Thomas Hospital being checked for a heart problem. He is scheduled for an arteriogram Monday. Tim Waldron has recently had some tests on his heart, as a heart murmur has increased. James Mason is still having severe foot pain which has made walking excruciating. Laura Singleton is in Manchester Health Care. The Thomas's granddaughter Autumn has the H1N1 flu.

Pray for . . .

- ★ Military personnel: Andy Miller family in Japan; Adam Thomas at Camp LeJeune on alert for deployment to Afghanistan.
- ★ 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, His church, and godly living.
- ★ The sick and injured.

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

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sundays @ 7:30 am WUXP-TV30

James Watkins, speaker

Assignments	November 1	November 8
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Ken Thomas	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Steve Miller
Table service (center)	Steve Miller	Wayne Gannon
(center)	Ken Thomas	Junior Conner
(outside)	T J Waldron	Tim Waldron
(outside)	Cole Gordon	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		