



Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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Disturbing News from Black Friday Events

People across the country camped out so they could be the first to enter stores that had advertised “first-come-first-served” bargains. Surely no one could have foreseen that someone would be trampled in the surge to enter a store, but a young man was killed just after opening the doors of a New York Walmart store. Those who tried to save his life were also injured, as shoppers continued to rush in to shop for those items they wanted to buy. Several people unapologetically said they had waited in line for hours, so they went on shopping even after being asked to vacate the store!

(Mat 16:26) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Cf. Mark 8:36

(Luke 9:25) For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

(Luke 12:15-21) And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. {16} And he spake a parable

unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: {17} And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? {18} And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. {19} And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. {20} But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? {21} So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Materialistic attitudes have overtaken the hearts of many people. It is no longer, “What can I give?” but “What am I going to get?” So many have concluded that “might makes right” and try to get ahead by taking unfair advantages. As Christians, let us guard our hearts against callous attitudes toward other human beings, and let us be generous rather than self-centered.

Ken Thomas

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 November 30

Windows theme: Some people use "Windows" on their computers. The Bible is full of windows and we will find some of them.

1. Who shot an arrow through a window?
2. Who escaped through a window?
3. Who was thrown to death from a window?
4. Who climbs through windows?
5. Who observed romance from a window?

Questions About Females

6. Where is a lady described as wise, kind, strong and honorable?
7. What city was referred to as the lady of kingdoms, but was perverted by thinking its evil deeds were invisible to others?
8. Whose wife tried to help her sons gain prominent places in the kingdom of Christ?

Answers for week of November 23

“Women of the Bible”

1. Who was the wife of Zacharias, a priest?

Answer: Elizabeth, a cousin of Mary. Zacharias was a priest under the Mosaic law, so from this passage we can deduce that both Zacharias and Elizabeth were from the tribe of Levi, because Aaron was a Levite. All priests were by law to be from this lineage. Elizabeth and Zacharias were parents of John, the forerunner of Christ, well known for baptizing penitent people in the Jordan River.

Luke 1:5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a **certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.** 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 And

they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

Luke 1:34 - 36 - Then said **Mary** unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, **thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son** in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

2. Who had a fever that was cured by Jesus?

Answer: Peter's wife's mother (mother-in-law of Peter).

3 parallel accounts:

Matthew 8:14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. 15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. 16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

See also Mark 1:30 and Luke 4:38

3. What wife of David was noted for her beauty?

Two answers:

Abigail -- I Sam 25:3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb. . . .42And Abigail hasted, and arose and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became

his wife.

Bathsheba -- 2 Sam 11: 2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. 3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? . . . 26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. 27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

4. What wife of David despised him because of a dance?

Answer: Michal I Sam 19:11 - Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and **Michal David's wife** told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain. 2 Samuel 6: 14 And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. 16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, **Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.** . . . 20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! 21 And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all

his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. 22 And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. 23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

Parallel account: 1 Chronicles 15:29 And it came to pass, [as] the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that **Michal** the daughter of Saul looking out at a window **saw king David dancing** and playing: and **she despised him in her heart**

5. What woman ran to tell of meeting Christ at a well?

Answer: An unnamed Samaritan. John 4:6-42

Jesus, weary of his long journey from Judea to Galilee, stops at Jacob's well where he meets a woman of Samaria who has come there "to draw water." John 4:6,7. What follows is an interesting conversation, and one of the most memorable verses in chapter 4: "God is a spirit and those who worship Him must worship him in spirit and truth.." (verse 24). Surprisingly, she says "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes He will tell us all things.," Then comes the remarkable revelation: Jesus says to her, "I who speak to you am He." (25-26).

The woman, leaving her waterpot behind, goes into the city of Samaria where she tells a group men, "Come, see a man who told me all things I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" So the men go to see for themselves (27-30)

This answers our question but is not the end of the story Not only she but many more "believed because of His own word." (verses 41-42). Burton Coffman adds, in his comments on this incident: "Such had been the success of the woman's efforts that Christ was immediately invited by the whole city to dwell there, and the

Master graciously accepted their invitation. The heart cries out that this is the way it should have been everywhere that Jesus went; but, alas, this Samaritan village stands uniquely apart in the warm welcome they extended to the Saviour of the world."

Isn't it amazing that through this woman's example, Jesus was able to teach an entire city? How we need more women like her today!

Was she running? Well, maybe not, but she must have been in a hurry, having left her waterpot behind. (I had some internet readers remind me that the text does not say she "ran", but I had a mental image of a woman with a story to tell, and wanting to get to the city quickly.)

6. What woman helped a preacher get his message in harmony with the truth of God?

Answer: Priscilla.

Acts 18:24 - And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. 26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom **when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.**

7. What wicked woman was from a valley of Sorek?

Answer: Delilah

Judges 16.3. Now Samson lay until midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the city gate and the two posts and pulled them up along with the bars; then he put them on his shoulders and carried them up to the top of the mountain which is opposite Hebron. 4. After this it came about that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Prayer needs: Brother and sister Wymer Wiser; William Miller (NHC); Laura Singleton; Melissa Dickerson (scheduled for surgery this week), Vadna Trail (having trouble with congestive heart failure). Judy Thomas will see the doctor Tuesday regarding her broken bone.

Pantry Is Being Restocked: Thanks to all who have brought food for giving to the needy. Let's work on canned fruits for next week. Please continue a sustained effort to bring items.



Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Nov23	BS 22	MW 29	EW 21	Wed 13	Cont. \$710
Nov16	BS 27	MW 36	EW 21	Wed 14	Cont. \$596
Nov 9:	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont. \$
Nov 2:	BS 26	MW 29	EW 25	Wed 17	Cont. \$572
Oct. 26:	BS 19	MW 41	EW 31	Wed 18	Cont. \$653

Let us all encourage one another to attend all services by word and example.

(Titus 2:6-8) Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. {7} **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.

Assignments	November 30	December 2
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
(outside)	Ernie Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Daniel Green	Junior Conner

