

Local News

Thanks to all who sent cards and flowers in response to the death of Judy Thomas' mother, Sammie Barnes. Additional thanks to the Masons and the Connors for making the trip to Chattanooga to visit at the funeral home. Your expressions of sympathy were wonderful.

Congratulations to Andy and Brandy Miller on the birth of their son. We look forward to "meeting him" face to face.

Yesterday Ken and Judy joined about 30 family members in Lebanon to celebrate the 90th birthday of Ken's daddy, Richard Thomas..

Our Culture Has Lost Its Manners!

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy."

Our culture has lost it's manners! We seldom see people who exercise kindness in dealing with one another. Often when I am in the grocery store, people will push by mumbling an 'excuse me' ... not willing to wait a second for me to get out of the way. On the highway people drive rudely, cutting in front of you when there is no need for it. I hear people talking to their children using curses. People do not wave at one another and smile like they used to. We are too intense. In our intensity we have lost civility.

Emily Post said, "Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use."

An elderly friend of mine used to say he had brand new manners - never used. He just meant for me to make myself at home in his home.

But today, we have many people with unused manners. I can only think that one way to solve this problem is for Christians to show manners themselves.

1 John 4:21 says, "*He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.*" John Dobbs

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM
6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

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Visitors

Always

Welcome

Our Gospel Meeting will be July 24-27. Charles Williams will be preaching. Services will be at regular times on Sunday morning, but the evening service will be at 7:30 to allow friends from other congregations to visit us. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7:00 PM. Please pray that friends and relatives will attend and be brought to obey the Lord or to be strengthened in their service to Him. If you accompany your prayers with sincere and persistent invitations to your acquaintances, we will have a fruitful effort.

Thanks to Junior Connor for agreeing to organize the men to serve during worship

Bible Questions . . . Use King James Version for ease of verifying.
How many questions can you answer with references?

1. Who went to meet a king unwashed (implied), unshaven, and with unlaundered clothes?
2. 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?
3. Find a passage that refers to the practice of recruiting mourners to openly mourn for the dead. There are several correct answers for this.
4. 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).

Answers for previous questions:

1. Jesus spoke of improper dishwashing in Matthew 23. Who spoke of the habits of a man wiping a dish?

Answer: The Lord. II Kings 21:12, 13 . . . I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. 14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;

2. Before Israel ever had asked for a king, God knew that they would do so, and stated three specific things that the king should not have large amounts of. Name these three things, and give the reference. (In the same text God instructed that the king should write a copy of the law, read it all his life, etc. so he would prosper as a king.)

Answer: The king was not to multiply horses, wives, or silver and gold

Deut. 17:14: When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, . . . and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; 15: Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. 16: But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. 17: Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. 18: And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: 19: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: 20: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

3. God warned that Israel would ask for a king, so as to be like other nations, and the king was instructed to write the law and read it as long as he was king. Though many kings violated some of these prohibitions, who is best known for complete ignoring of these things. Give evidence on each of the three items, with scripture.

Answer: The one king who obviously leads the pack in these areas is **Solomon**. Wisdom did not prevent disobedience. Horses - I Kings 4:26-28; II Chron. 9:28; Wives - I Kings 11:1-8; Gold & Silver - I Kings 10:14-29; II Chron. 9:13-28 These texts clearly show that Solomon, to his injury, did not comply with the commands of his God. Also note this passage about the horses "imported from Egypt." I Kings 10:28. And silver was as common in Jerusalem as stones. How much more could Solomon have done to violate every aspect of the "law for kings" from Deuteronomy 17?

4. What kind of person is specifically pointed out in the Bible as not yet knowing as much as he should, but not being aware of his lack of knowledge? **Answer: The man who thinks he knows**, knows nothing as he ought to. He is unaware of his lack of knowledge. I Cor. 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. 2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know

5. What kind of addiction seems to be commended in the Bible?

Answer: "addiction to serving the saints." I Cor. 16:15: "I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)..."

6. Where is an aggressive sheep which picks on the weaker sheep described, as a picture of the oppression of God's people and their need for being saved by God? **Answer: Ezekiel 34:17-31, esp. vs. 21.** God identifies these sheep as representing men, and himself as the owner of the sheep in verses 22 and 31. The context proves that the livestock (cattle) are of the sheep kind, and represent strong men attacking the weak.

7. One book of the Bible has several references to the 13th day of a month as a day in which a decree of death to the Jews was written and sealed. The decree was to be carried out on the 13th of another month. The Jews were able to defend themselves against the death decree, and established a celebration of their victory. Give the days of the month when the celebration was held, and the name of the celebration. (Give reference for both the dates and name of celebration.)

Answer: Dates: 14th and 15th of Adar, Esther 9:21; Purim is the name of the festival. Esther 9:24-26.

8. A man of God was mistakenly mis-identified as an Egyptian who led a huge gang of murderers. Who is he, and what is the reference?

Answer: Paul, after his arrest. The chief captain asked if he spoke Greek, and then asked if he were not "that Egyptian . . ."? Acts 21:37-38.