

# "Nobody Wears Shoes"

by Ken Thomas

Two men were assigned to sell shoes to a remote backward people. As they sent in their reports, one man explained his lack of success with the complaint with this excuse: "Nobody wears shoes here." The other man reported his success in glowing terms, and then said, "This is the best territory I ever had! Nobody wore shoes before I came, but now they do!"

Why the difference? The potential customers were greatly alike, but the salesman had differing attitudes. Rather than lamenting that no one will buy genuine Christianity, let us see the great void that needs to be filled in people's lives, and take the gospel to a lost and dying world. Love will find a way to reach the lost.

I thank God for brethren who are searching for ways to reach the lost, and I am thankful that we have such great opportunities here. There are people who are searching; who will take the time to teach them, to encourage their interest, or even to give them a ride to services?

Jesus said, "Look on the fields; for they are white already for harvest."

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

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**Visitors**

**Always**

**Welcome**

**July 31, 2005**

Our gospel meeting was excellent, with good attendance each service except for Sunday Bible classes. We had 44 Sunday morning, and 63 Sunday evening. 62 were present Monday, 59 Tuesday and 64 Wednesday. We had good support from area congregations including Noah, Fredonia, Fairfield, Main Street, Lumley Stand, Woodbury, Curlee, Antioch, and perhaps others that memory does not recall. We also had several visitors who are not members of the church of Christ, and we hope they will return for more study.

We broke every attendance goal, but we will continue the goals for regular services. On Wednesday night we had enough of our local members and usual attendees to break the Wednesday night goal even if no visitors had come.

The preaching by both Bill and Charles Williams was excellent. I can truly say nothing but good about the job they did. We also had good singing each night, and we are grateful to the visiting songleaders as well as our own men. Thanks to all who brought food Sunday and those who worked to prepare for the meeting.



# Bible Search

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**Bible Questions for week of July 31 . . .** Use King James Version for ease of verifying. Give reference with your answer

1. Who had spent all of his/her resources on doctor bills?
2. The arrogant king of one of the enemies of Israel considered that his exploits were possible because he was strong and wise. His plundering of the riches of the Jews was compared to robbing a nest of eggs without even a "peep." What nation's king was it?
3. The father-in-law of \_\_\_\_\_ gave him some good advice about organizing responsibilities so other men could share the burden of leadership. Also name the father-in-law.
4. What great and beautiful ancient city was destined to be made so desolate that it would not be lived in, even temporarily. (Wild animals and birds would live in the beautiful houses.)
5. Under the law of Moses, what kind of wood was forbidden to be used in building defenses even in time of war.
6. Who was forbidden to marry a divorced woman or foreigner, but could marry a single woman (or a widow of a man who had held the same position as he did)?
7. What king and kingdom were the source of temple timbers in the day's of

Solomon's temple project?

## Answers for week of July 24

**1. What passage speaks of a message (from nature) which is understood in every tongue?**

**Answer: The declaring of the glory and handiwork of God**

**Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.**

**2. According to Jesus, what were the heathen (non-Jews) seeking, in contrast with what Christ's followers should seek?**

**Answer: Material necessities**

**Matthew 6:30-34 What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:). . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

**3. One mother was so worried that her son would marry a girl from the same nation as his brother had, she told her husband that she wouldn't have a reason to live if it happened. Who was this concerned mother?**

**Answer: Rebekah. "And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as**

**these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?" - Genesis 27:46**

An interesting point: Certainly, Rebekah was concerned about Jacob marrying from the daughters of Heth, yet this was by no means the full reason she approached Isaac. She feared that if Jacob was not sent back to her brother's house, that he would not have the opportunity to marry anyone, on account of the anger of Esau, who was waiting to slay Jacob. To Isaac, Jacob was departing for Laban's house to search for a wife, to Rebekah, he was fleeing for his life from Esau.

**4. Who claimed that he was "about to burst" like a container for grape juice?**

**Answer: Elihu.** He was the youngest of Job's "comforters," who spoke to Job after the three friends--Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar--failed to give convincing answers to Job's questions. **He is identified as the "son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram."**

**Job 32: 6, 19 "Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst."**

**5. When is a neighbor better than a brother?**

**Answer: When he is nearby. " for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off." - Proverbs 27:10**

**6. What passage contains a request for a blessing (from each member of the Godhead) upon the readers?**

**Answer: In 2 Corinthians 13:14, the apostle Paul requests that the brethren who read the epistle receive the grace of the Lord Jesus (1), the love of God (2), and the communion of the Holy Ghost (3). One blessing from each member of the Godhead, to the readers.**

**"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen." - 2 Corinthians 13:14**

**7. What tribe of Israel seemed to be the leader in idolatry and Baal worship? Give the reference from a book of prophecy.**

**Answer: Ephraim.** (Hosea 12 and 13) **12:14 Ephraim provoked him to anger most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him. 13:1 When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died.**

This passage clearly shows the use of Jacob (and Israel) as names for the nation, and in some places Ephraim seems to stand for the nation as well. But this passage seems to picture the rise of Ephraim from a small and "trembling" tribe to the proud tribe that set the course for Israel. When it was in its ascendancy, Ephraim took the lead in Baal worship, and subsequent references to the idolatry within the divided kingdom are in large part due to the influence of Ephraim.