

Assignments	February 4	February 11
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader - Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T. J. Waldron	Mason Fisher
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Nick Graham	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Daniel Green	Cole Gordon
(outside)	Ken Lewis	Junior Conner
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	James Mason

Blindness

Imagine yourself being blind. Imagine trying to get around your house after losing your sight. Think of all the things you had never thought of before that have sharp comers and are sticking out in the middle of walkways. Where did you leave the telephone? How about your favorite shoes? What about those tickets? Which bottle is vinegar and which is tabasco? Do you have aspirin or blood pressure medicine?

Now, you think that was bad? Try walking around in my house! Try walking anywhere that is not familiar to you. You may find that I sometimes "leave my doors half open." You may happen across a neighbor's bike on my sidewalk. You may even find out that I have steps that go downstairs!

Some blind people can sense that there is someone or something in front of them (for instance, a wall). But, in a crowd of people where there is a lot of noise, this is a virtual impossibility. The only way for them to get around is by trial and error (OUCH!!!), or with some trusted friend (person, cane, or dog).

Where are we going to turn when our lives come crashing in around us? If we are in an unfamiliar place, if we have never walked there before, we are going to stumble and hit things, and get the bruises that come along with it! If we are, on the other hand, "WALKING IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, " then when the darkness comes, it will not be near as bad, because we will be comfortable with our surroundings. He is our light! 1 John 1:5 "This is the message which we have heard from him and

declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. !!. Also read, 1 John 1:6-10 and Matthew 15:14.

by John Thomas, Mt. Juliet bulletin 12/99

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

William Miller returned to NHC this week. Dennis Conner, son of Junior, was very seriously in danger of needing surgery to solve a colon problem. Alternate treatment with antibiotics seems to be successful in giving hope of a cure without surgery. He left MTMC late in the week and will continue treatment at home. Sister Jessie Pearl Green was out sick last Sunday but returned for Wednesday night. Ken Thomas' father Richard got to leave the hospital Saturday. He is having to re-learn how to swallow, and will have to have all food pureed and juices thickened to prevent choking.

Remember the Roses, sister Jessie Pearl Green, sister Singleton, the Connors and sister Trail in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions.

Bible Bowl Today

New Union - Genesis 18-21 - Best wishes to our youth

Friday Night Singings

Feb.9 - Antioch (US Hwy 231, N. of Lebanon)

Feb. 16 - Rivergate/Nashville

Special notice: IRS is now requiring receipts or cancelled checks for deducting charitable donations. (More later)

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
01/07	21	35	27	\$607.31	21
01/14	23	44	14	\$710.00	20
01/21	20	34	19	\$624.00	16
01/28	13	34	24	\$575.00	22
Goals	35	45	36		35

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Do You Need A Doctor?

Steve Higginbotham



Schedules

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

Home

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Visitors

Always

Welcome

The book of 3 John begins with Paul praying for the well-being of Gaius. But take a moment and let the words of his prayer sink in.

John said, "I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

Did you see that? He prayed that his physical well-being prospered as his soul prospered. I wonder what would happen if that prayer was answered just as it was prayed. Would you be full of new found energy, and feel better than you have in years? Or would you need someone to call a doctor or maybe even the coroner?

In a day and age when so much stock is place on our physical condition, it is refreshing to have our attention refocused upon what is really important...the prosperity and well-being of our soul!



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of February 4, 2006

These questions will be on "contrasts in the Bible", all based on KJV wording

1. The Bible has several passages that have the expression "not to . . . but to" Find the verse that contains "not to . . . but UNTO" as it relates to the people who were eyewitnesses of the resurrection. Then explain why the contrast is significant in that context.
2. Find the verse that contains "not to . . . but UNTO" as it relates to the reward of the righteous.
3. Find the verse that contains "not to . . . but to" as it relates to thinking about ourselves.
4. Find the verse that contains "not to . . . but to" as it relates to the apostle Paul's procedure as he spread the gospel and converted people to Christ?
5. Find the two verses that contains "not to . . . but to" as it relates to Jesus' life of service and sacrifice.
6. Find the verse that contains "not to . . . but to" as it relates to Jesus' response to those who would listen but be unwilling to believe.
7. Find the passage that contains the expression, "not to . . . but to" as relates to the foot problems of a king.
8. Where is the verse that contains "unto thee . . . but . . . not unto me" and accuses the Hebrews of not following the will of God in regard to an event that was to happen after six years?

Answers for week of January 28, 2007

1. In what two consecutive chapters (not verses!) is the Lord described as blotting out the wrong-doings of His people?
Answer: Isaiah 43 and 44. I have given enough context to identify the Israel (Jacob) as the ones hearing the message.
Isaiah 43:22 But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. ...25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.
Isaiah 44: 21 Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for

thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. 22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

2. What message about the kingly rule of God was announced by people with "high altitude feet"?

Answer: The messengers announced good news, peace, and salvation, but the message about "kingly rule" was "Thy God reigns!" Their feet were "beautiful on the mountains" (thus the clue about altitude).

Isaiah 52:1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. 2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. 3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money. 4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. 5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed. 6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I. 7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Comment: These verses foreshadow the description by Paul of the beautiful feet of those who take the faith-producing word of God to a lost and disobedient world.

Rom 10:13-17 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. {14} How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? {15} And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! {16} But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? {17} So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

3. According to one reporter someone's assets had been seriously under-reported by at least 50%. Who was the reporter who announced a more accurate account?

Answer: The queen of Sheba, who exclaimed about the report she had heard of Solomon's wisdom and prosperity, "The half was not told me!" (Of course 50% = 1/2.)

1 Kings 10:1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. 2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. 3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not. 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, 5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. 6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

4. If those who suffer poverty oppress others who are impoverished, to what kind of weather are they compared?

Answer: A sweeping rain (driving, pounding) that destroys crops and leaves no food.

Proverbs 28: 3 A poor man that oppreseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

Strangely, the NIV refers to a ruler rather than a poor man.

Proverbs 28: 3 A ruler who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no crops.

NLT - Proverbs 28: 3 - A poor person who oppresses the poor is like a pounding rain that destroys the crops.

5. What project had 3600 supervisors (overseers) appointed?

Answer: Solomon's building the temple.

2 Chr 2:17-18 "And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred. {18} And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be bearers

of burdens, and fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work."

2 Chr 3:1 "Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite."

6. What specific kind of rock is named in scripture as the source of water for Israel in the days of Moses?

Answer: Flint
Deuteronomy 8:15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

Psa 114 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; {2} Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. {3} The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back. {4} The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs. {5} What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? {6} Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs? {7} Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; {8} Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

7. What are the conditions that enable one to rest sweetly while asleep? (I found at least three references that combine to make a good answer.)

- Answers:
- 1) Keeping sound wisdom and discretion;
 - 2) Hard honest labor (Rich have a hard time sleeping!)
 - 3) assistance and comfort to the weary and afflicted.
- Prov 3:21-24 "My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: {22} So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. {23} Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. {24} When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet."
- Eccl 5:11-12 "When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? {12} The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep."
- Jer 31:25-26 "For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. {26} Upon this I awakened, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me."