

Assignments	February 18	February 25
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Songleader - Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	James Mason	Ken Thomas
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Joe Green
(center)	Nick Graham	Nick Graham
(outside)	T J Waldron	Junior Conner
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	Mason Fisher

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

William Miller is still in NHC. Dorris Davis needs our prayer regarding his prostate cancer. Dennis Conner, Junior's son, is in MTMC with colon problems. Remember the Roses, sister Jessie Pearl Green, sister Singleton, the Conners and sister Trail in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions.

Bible Bowl

Central/McMinnville, March 4. Genesis 22-25

Friday Night Singing, Feb.23 -Bonner/McMinnville (7:00 Central Time, and East Ridge/ Chattanooga area (7:30 Eastern).

("Jesus, Make Me. . . "cont. from p. 1)

Becoming a disciple and follower of Jesus, we have committed ourselves to adopting the totality of his teaching, his spirit of meekness, humility, longsuffering, forgiveness, and compassion; yes, we have obliged ourselves to adopting his way of thought and imitating his way of life.

The Christian life involves a process of growth, development, and transformation -- becoming like Jesus. Heaven has no reservations available for those who tell Jesus: "Just leave me alone ... don't try to change me."

Instead of that approach, may we pray: "Jesus,

make me like you," whereby the beauty of Jesus may unquestionably be seen within us.

Never doubt the power inherent in his Word which can make us all he wants us to be.

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(Bible Search cont. from back) accounts of this, but Jer. 39 most clearly describes the occupation of the middle gate.

(Jer 39:1-5) "In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. {2} And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up. {3} And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon. {4} And it came to pass, that **when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.** {5} But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him."

See also **2 Kings 25:2-5 and Jer 52:4-8**

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
01/21	20	34	19	\$624.00	16
01/28	13	34	24	\$555.25	22
02/04	21	29	27	\$616.50	20
02/11	20	33	22	\$512	12
Goals	35	45	36		35

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February 18, 2007

Jesus, Make Me Like You

by Tim Childs



Schedule This Week 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

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Visitors

Always

Welcome

Some people resist attempts by another person to change them. A young lady may not appreciate it when her boyfriend tries to mold her into his ideal woman. So she insists: "Don't try to change me; that's not me."

Occasionally you hear people say: "That's just the way I am." A man may have a problem controlling his temper. Under some circumstances he may become angered and show it through piercing words, sarcasm, or unkind actions. When [this is] brought to his attention he says something like: "Everybody knows that's just me; everyone knows I have a problem controlling my temper."

The idea often being conveyed is that you should just accept me the way I am with my spiritual weaknesses and flaws: "Don't try to change me."

While it is true that you and I have our weaknesses, it is not a given that we should just accept them, learn to live with them, and not be bothered by them. Jesus did not come to reinforce our flaws. He did not come and say, "Just be your natural self however ugly and selfish you may happen to be." (Cont. on back)



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of February 18, 2006

1. What were the circumstances that caused a mother and father to act as if they did not know why their son had been healed?
2. At least four people are named in the New Testament as having a congregation (church) meeting in their home. Who are they?
3. Question: Where do we read of the God who lives "on high" but "lowers" himself to elevate the poor, and also makes a housekeeper out of a woman who formerly unable to bear children?
4. What preacher in New Testament times (who had a powerful spiritual message) was probably hard to listen to? (You may know the answer off the top of your head, but find the reference.)
5. The preacher mentioned above seemed not to keep good records of certain significant events that happened as a result of his preaching. What events?
6. What passage of scripture might explain why a student complains of being tired? The passage also would be of great interest to a bookseller or librarian!
7. The apostle Paul wrote: There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. In what other passage do we read of a terrestrial body other than the earth and the moon (A "planetary" reference)

Answers for week of February 11, 2007

1. Jesus on the cross expressed anguish with words that asked why God had forsaken him. What biblical writer indicated that he felt God had forgotten him?
Answer 1. David. - How **long wilt thou forget me, O LORD?** for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? - Psalm 13:1.

I will say unto **God** my rock, **Why hast thou forgotten me?** why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? - Psalm 42:9.

-BUT David would still praise God, even though he felt he had been forgotten. He didn't let this thought keep him from doing as he should and hoping in the Lord. (Ps. 42:10,11) He talked himself out of his despair by reminding himself where his hope should be.

The words of Jesus (Mt. 27:46; Mk.15:34) echo David in Psa 22:1-2. ". . . A Psalm of David. My God, my God, **why hast thou forsaken me?** why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? {2} O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent."

Answer # 2. Jeremiah - **Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, and forsake us so long time?** - Lam.5:20.

2. In a single chapter the prominence of the Israel (if obedient to God) or the downfall of Israel is described with terms that might be heard when a coin is tossed to determine which football team will have first chance to receive the ball. What are the words that were used in the description I have described?

Answer: head and tail. The promise of God: If they would obey the Lord they would rise above the other nations and prosper- -

(Deu 28:13) "And **the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail;** and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; **if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God,** which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:"

If they disobeyed and rebelled they would be dominated by other nations - - (Deu 28:44-45) "He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: **he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.** {45} Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; **because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God,** to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:"

3. Background: In the New Testament we read of Saul's traveling companions who fell to the ground when a bright light shined around him (and seemingly blinded him), but they did not hear the message that he heard.

Question: In the Old Testament who had a vision but his companions did not see it? They trembled and hid, however. Who DID see the vision?

Answer: Daniel - (Dan 10:4-8) "And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; {5} Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: {6} His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. {7} And **I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.** {8} Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength."

4. Spiritual exercise includes a type of "walking". What kind of walking is an antidote to fleshly lust?

Answer: Walking in the Spirit. (Gal 5:16) "This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**"

5. Living in the Spirit is to be accompanied by _____ in the Spirit.

Answer: Walking in the Spirit. (Gal 5:25) "**If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**"

6. What event marked the time the fellers stopped their usual work? Also, what is a feller based on the context?

Answer: See Isa 14:8. The **fellers stopped cutting down trees at the fall of Babylon's oppressive empire.**

In this context, the **fellers were people who cut down trees (Fell them).** The context seems to be anticipating a time when the enemy of Israel would eventually fall and the king of Babylon would "lie down." When the oppression came to an end, the trees would rejoice that no "feller" was coming against them, to cut them down. (Some commentaries mention that the kings of Babylon ravaged the forests during their time of power.) In figurative language it seems that Isaiah is predicting a time of peace after the fall of Babylon.

(Isa 14:1-12) "For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. {2} And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. {3} And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve. {4} That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! {5} The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers. {6} He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth. {7} The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. {8} Yea, **the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.** {9} Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. {10} All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? {11} Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. {12} How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"

Another possible answer is "when the axe head flies off the handle." (Deu 19:5) As when a **man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood,** and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; **he shall flee unto one of those cities,** and live:

7. What king of Judah and his "warriors" attempted to flee their enemies under cover of darkness using a gate between two walls? Also, why did they go this way?

Answer: Zedekiah was the king. From the context, **the enemy had so effectively surrounded the gates as to create a famine inside. The main gates were guarded and the little used gate near the king's garden was seen as a better way out.** There are at least three (Cont. back page)