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That Good Part

David Lemmons

Throughout the Bible we read about the choices that are made by men and women, boys and girls. Sometimes these choices are clearly held up to us as examples to follow and at other times it is obvious that we ought not make that given choice in our own lives. Consider an incident recorded in Luke 10:38-42...

“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. “ It is said here by our Lord that Mary had chosen that good part. So then, Jesus is pointing out a choice that is worthy of our consideration to follow in our own lives.

What joy must Mary have felt when her action brought about the words of her Lord that indicated His approval of a choice she had made! For a faithful follower of Jesus could there be any greater delight than to know I have made a choice which is well pleasing to my Lord? Can we not see that here is a very significant incident that Luke has recorded for our instruction?

The choice that Mary had made was to sit at Jesus' feet and hear His word. Now we would think that such a choice would be reckoned by all of Jesus' disciples as a wise and good choice. However, Mary's sister, Martha had not so reckoned. Martha, in fact, thought in her own mind that her sister had made a foolish choice. Martha thought that Mary was being neglectful and was in need of rebuke from the Lord.

Instead, a mild rebuke was given to Martha for her own misplaced priorities. This brings to the mind of a careful Bible student that there could be many occasions on which Jesus might either question or commend choices we have made with regard to how we use our time. I wonder how often we even consider this matter in our daily lives.

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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

(Wording is based on KJV)

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of February 24

1. What THREE books of the New Testament do NOT end with the word "Amen"?
2. We all know that a stone was used to seal the tomb of Jesus, but who had a stone cover moved from a well so she could water her livestock?
3. Name at least one pair of "kissing cousins" in the Bible.
4. What gated city was in danger of being attacked by a king's military forces in order to destroy just one man who had saved the city from the Philistines and was in the city?
5. Stephen accused his listeners of being uncircumcised in heart and ears, resisting the Holy Ghost as their ancestors had (Acts 7:51) What Old Testament prophet quotes God as saying that the hearts of the people of Israel were uncircumcised, as he compares them with the uncircumcised nations around them? (Several other nations are listed in the context.)
6. One of King Solomon's construction projects was a house built with cedar from the forests of Lebanon. How many drinking cups made of silver were provided for the house?
7. Who "exhaled" threats and killing against the followers of Jesus?

Answers for week of February 17

1. What very angry young man listened for quite a while before venting his pent up words against four older men who had been disputing?

Answer: Elihu, son of Barachel

(Job 32:1-10) So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. {2} Then was kindled the **wrath of Elihu** the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. {3} Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job. {4} Now **Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he.** {5} When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled. {6} And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, **I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not show you mine opinion. {7} I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.** {8} But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

{9} Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment. {10} Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will show mine opinion.

2. Who was the high priest in dirty clothes who was given a change of clothes to wear?

Answer: Joshua

(Zec 3:1-4) And he showed me **Joshua the high priest** standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. {2} And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? {3} Now **Joshua was clothed with filthy garments,** and stood before the angel. {4} And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, **Take away the filthy garments from him.** And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

3. Often Saul is named as the first king of Israel, but who became a king of Israel before Saul reigned?

Answer: Abimelech. The "value" of Abimelech as king was compared to a bramble reigning over the trees. Though the action of the men of Shechem may not have been the desire of the entire nation of Israel, this cruel murderer was actually a king based on the text of Judges 9:22.

(Judg 8:30-35) "And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives. {31} And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called Abimelech. {32} And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. {33} And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baalberith their god. {34} And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side: {35} Neither showed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had showed unto Israel."

(Judg 9:1-6) "And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, {2} Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh. {3} And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they

said, He is our brother. {4} And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baalberith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him. {5} And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself. {6} And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem."

(Judg 9:22-23) "When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel, {23} Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:"

4. What was the solemn promise in which a person (either female or male) pledged not to eat raisins?

Answer: The Nazarite vow, which as an act of dedication to God was symbolized by cessation of cutting the hair and abstaining from any grape product, including "dried" (raisins). This vow was for either gender, but the Nazarites noted in scripture are men. However, Samson's mother was placed under the restrictions of the vow so her son could be a Nazarite from the womb to his death. (Judges 13:7; 16:17)

It is noteworthy that some people confuse the word Nazarite with the words related to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Jesus was a Nazarene, that is a person of Nazareth, but I see no indication in the New Testament that Jesus was a Nazarite.

(Num 6:1-5) And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (2) Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the LORD: (3) He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried. (4) All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk. (5) All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

5. What was always on the promised land from the first to the last of the year?

Answer: The eyes of God! Dt. 11:12

(Deu 11:10-12) "For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it

with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: {11} But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: {12} A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year."

6. A riddle of sorts . . . What kind of special event was preceded by bidding and is discussed in terms of the elevation level of various rooms?

Answer: A wedding. Those who were "bidden" sought chief positions. Invited guests were often asked to move to a "lower room" as more honored guests displaced them in the "higher rooms", so the parable advises guests to take a lower position at first so they may be invited to a higher position. What a lesson for those of us who might have ambition to "rise to the top"!

"And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, [8] When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; [9] And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. [10] But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. [11] For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:7-11).

7. What two military men were found to be missing in a census following the killing of twenty enemies and the occurrence of an earthquake?

Answer: Jonathon and his armor bearer

(1 Sam 14:13-17) "And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him. {14} And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow. {15} And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling. {16} And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another. {17} Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there."

Prayer Needs and Requests

Most of those who were sick last week are better, but Ken Thomas had to leave school early Friday to go to the doctor. Remember David Graham in prayer; Jessie Pearl Green's brothers: Arlin Mesick and Jerry Mesick with cancer.); William Miller at NHC. Laura Singleton is still confined at home.

The **4th Sunday Singing** for Coffee County is at **Pleasant Knoll today at 2:30**

Bible Bowl is **next Sunday** at McMinnville **Central**. This is the last competition of the season. Good luck to our teens.

Good Part . . (Continued from front)

It is not as if Martha had chosen some ungodly pursuit with which to occupy her time. Rather that which she was doing in showing hospitality is a good thing and quite often commended in Scripture (Rom 12:13; 1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:8; 1 Pet 4:9). No, Martha had made a GOOD choice, what is troubling about her choice is that she might have made an even wiser choice—the choice made by her sister, Mary. Mary had made a choice which recognized that the mundane things of this life become utterly insignificant when placed beside an opportunity for spiritual growth and understanding. The Messiah was present! Jesus, the Lord of glory (1 Cor 2:8), was in the building! Is there not time to sit and listen to His teaching?

What is the solution for the problems we face in our world today? How do we cope with all of the unsettling and even upsetting news of the day? Is there a lesson to learn from the visit Jesus made to that Bethany home?

Surely we need to examine our own priorities of life. Surely we need to appreciate that we may be dwelling entirely too much upon those "Martha-things," which are good, in and of themselves, but which are hampering, even preventing, our spiritual maturity and development into powerful servants of the Lord who can be used in a mighty way to serve the risen Lord.

How much time do I spend examining my priorities? Do I ever even consider that there just might be a better use of my time? Have I ever even considered that my Lord might have a commendation for me on Judgment day similar to the one He gave to Mary?

What about the Bible classes? Is there a more direct comparison we could make than to consider this choice we make weekly? What activity could my feeble mind conceive of that would take priority to listening to Jesus at Bible Class time? If I want to choose THAT GOOD PART, where will I find myself at 10:00 on Sunday morning and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday night?

What about the worship assemblies? What about gospel meetings? To those of you who do not come—are you being like Martha or are you being like Mary? Think ahead for just a moment. On that Judgment day of John 12:48, which person would you have to be your model?

Jesus said to Martha, concerning her sister, Luke 10:42 "But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." The one thing that is needful somehow is not appreciated to the degree that it ought to be in our day. That one thing that is needful seems to be "pushed off to the back burner" of our lives. That one thing that is needful will make us a great church when we begin to appreciate this wonderful commendation and go and do likewise! (From Lemmon's Aid)

For the record:	1/27	02/03	02/10	02/17
Bible Study	16	15	15	14
AM Worship	27	24	22	20
PM Worship	21	25	17	24
Wed. Bible Study	21	19	6	23
Contribution	\$594	\$603	\$1471	\$560

Assignments	February 24	March 2
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Andy Miller
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Andy Miller	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Ken Thomas	Steve Miller
(center)	Andy Miller	Joe Green
(outside)	Daniel Green	Andy Miller
(outside)	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	James Mason
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		