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Canceling Church

Dan Williams tells the story of two preachers who were visiting over a cup of coffee. The first preacher said to the second, "I cancelled our Sunday night services about five months ago." "You did?" the second preacher replied, "What do your church members think?" The first preacher said, "I suspect they'll be pretty upset if they ever find out about it."

The meeting times for worship, study, and edification are not meant to be arbitrary requirements that test the spiritual discipline and commitment level of Christians. Rather, these opportunities are intended to be functional; to encourage, inform, and strengthen those who are trying to walk worthily in an ungodly world.

Why is it that some people will say with exasperation, "Oh no, we have church services tonight, and I've had such a bad

week," instead of saying, "Wow I'm thankful it's Wednesday night and we have church services tonight because I've had a bad week?"

The difference in the two is the difference between "form" and "function." If one views church services simply as a "form" that must be checked off our "to-do list," he will see that assembly differently than the one who acknowledges the "function" and purpose of the assembly.

Maybe church members need to re-evaluate the way they view these assemblies; and see them not as an arbitrary requirement, but as an opportunity. And maybe church leaders need to re-evaluate function of these assemblies to insure that the assemblies fulfill their intended purpose.

Steve Higginbotham, South Green Street Church of Christ, Glasgow, KY

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 March 2

1. One of the blessings of those who obeyed the statutes and commandments of God (under the law of Moses) was abundant food, enough to consume until they were filled. What was an accompanying danger that came with that blessing?
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3. One king of Judah is credited with using engines for war. Give his name and tell how old this king was when he came to the throne of Judah.
4. Considering the biblical use of forms of the word "invent", would you say that God is more likely pleased or displeased with what people invent? (List the scriptures that support your decision.)
5. On occasion the Israelites would come across the idols of the heathen nations which they conquered through the power of God. Some of these idols were covered with precious metals. Were they allowed to dismantle the idols and keep the valuable metals? After you answer the question, give at least one appropriate passage to prove your answer.
6. Who received a proposal from God to create a mighty nation of him, but he instead made an appeal for God to overlook the stubborn evil of the nation that his would have replaced?
7. Please consider as many passages as you can find in the King James version that refer to the "imaginings" or "imaginings" of man. (I found at least 36.) Then from that study tell me what you think God's appraisal is for the imagination of mankind.

Answers for week of February 24

1. What THREE books of the New Testament do NOT end with the word "Amen"?

Answer: Acts, James, and 3rd John

Acts 28:31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

James 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

3 John 1:14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace [be] to thee. [Our] friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

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?

Answer: Rachel. Jacob did the good deed.

(Gen 29:1-12) "Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east. {2} And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth. {3} And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place. {4} And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we. {5} And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. {6} And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. {7} And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them. {8} And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep. {9} And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them. {10} And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. {11} And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. {12} And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father."

3. Name at least one pair of "kissing cousins" in the Bible.

Best answer: Jacob and Rachel (see verse 11 above). The "kiss" is specifically mentioned here.

Of course Leah was the older sister of Rachel, and since she married Jacob also, that pair would be cousins. Relationships are sometimes vague in scripture, but I think these are pretty sure answers. Gen 27:43; 29:4-6, 11-28.

A more involved set of scriptures also points to Isaac and Rebekah also (Gen 11:27) "Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot."

(Gen 11:29) "And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of

Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah."

(Gen 24:15) "And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder."

(Gen 24:24) "And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor."

(Gen 24:64-67) "And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. {65} For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a veil, and covered herself. {66} And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. {67} And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death."

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?

Answer: Keilah. King Saul was trying to destroy David who had taken refuge in Keilah. He had, with the help of God saved the city from the Philistines. God later revealed that the people of the city would deliver him to Saul if he stayed there, so David and his 600 men left the city, and Saul spared the city from destruction. Verse 7 tells about the gates and bars of the city.

(1 Sam 23:1-13) "Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors. {2} Therefore David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. {3} And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? {4} Then David inquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah: for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand. {5} So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. {6} And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand. {7} And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. {8} And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. {9} And David

knew that Saul secretly practiced mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. {10} Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. {11} Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. {12} Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up. {13} Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth."

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.)

Answer: Jeremiah:

(Jer 9:25-26 KJV) "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised; {26} Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart." Added information for understanding.

Ezekiel uses the same expression to describe the abomination of Israelites bringing those who were literally uncircumcised as well as those of uncircumcised (impure) hearts into the Holy Place, but the other nations are not listed here, so this is not a correct answer..

(Ezek 44:6-9 KJV) "And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, {7} In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations. {8} And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves. {9} Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my

sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel."

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?

Answer: None. Three times we are told that silver was as plentiful as stones in Jerusalem, and at least once we are told that gold became that common. In spite of that, the people of other nations continued to outpour their riches into the bounty that was Solomon's. But as to drinking vessels in the cedar palace, we have two statements that affirm that all the drinking vessels of Solomon were gold, and in the palace of cedar ALL vessels were gold, not just those for drinking.

(1 Ki 10:27) "And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the vale, for abundance." (cf. 2 Chr 9:27)

(2 Chr 1:15) "And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the vale for abundance."

(1 Ki 10:21-27) "And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon {22} For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. {23} So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. {24} And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. {25} And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

{26} And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem. {27} And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the vale, for abundance."

Parallel reference is in 2 Chr 9

7. Who "exhaled" threats and killing against the followers of Jesus?

Answer: Saul of Tarsus, later to be known as Paul, an apostle of Christ

Key: exhale = breathe out; threats = threatenings, killing = slaughter, followers of Jesus = disciples of the Lord.

(Acts 9:1-2) "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, {2} And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether

they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem."

Prayer Needs and Requests

Ann Conner had complete knee replacement this week, because the original surgery had complications. She has been walking in the hospital. Junior Conner has been very sick this week but seems better. He is at the hospital with Ann. Doris Mason was still sick this week. Jackie Hafer is still recovering at home. David Graham still needs our prayers, having been moved to Nashville. Hopewell Center. Jessie Pearl Green's brothers: Arlin Mesick and Jerry Mesick continue to need prayer due to their cancer. William Miller continues his dialysis at NHC. Laura Singleton is still confined at home. We have not heard from Rosemary Messick lately.

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

Wayne Gannon will teach the midweek class this month as Ken goes to Green Hill, Mt. Juliet, for a special series there.

For the record:	02/03	02/10	02/17	2/24
Bible Study	15	15	14	15
AM Worship	24	22	20	27
PM Worship	25	17	24	27
Wed. Bible Study	19	6	23	16
Contribution	\$603	\$1471	\$560	\$568

Assignments	March 2	March 9
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Andy Miller	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Steve Miller	Ken Thomas
(center)	Joe Green	Junior Conner
(outside)	Andy Miller	Joe Green
(outside)	Daniel Green	Wayne Gannon
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Andy Miller
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		

