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When the Media Talks Religion

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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

Home

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Visitors

Always

Welcome

Flipping through the channels recently, I came across a program on The History Channel that caught my attention. The program focused on archaeological discoveries in the region of Sodom and Gomorrah. These were then compared to the Bible record. "This could be good," I thought, and settled in to expand my understanding.

Within five minutes I had abandoned all hope of being edified by this program. Instead of strengthening my faith by pointing to corroborative findings, the show was pulling out all stops (it seemed) to weaken a person's faith. The Bible was treated as a collection of fables that might have a shred of reality, but certainly not to be taken seriously.

It has happened on numerous other occasions. A Hallmark presentation a few years ago depicted the story of Noah. When **Noah's ark** was shown being attacked by a ship commanded by **Lot**, I knew something was seriously awry in their version of the truth. Truth, of course, wasn't their objective; entertainment value was.

Christians should brace themselves anytime a program is offered on television on Biblical events. Magazine covers promising to reveal "the whole truth" about the historical Jesus should be viewed with great skepticism. There have been a few fairly accurate portrayals of Biblical events in recent years, but very few.

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Assignments	March 25	April 1
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Mason Fisher	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Junior Conner
(center)	Nick Graham	Andy Miller
(outside)	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
(outside)	T J Waldron	Cole Gordon
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	Lee Rose

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

William Miller is still in NHC, Room 124. Sister Jessie Pearl Green went back to the hospital this past week. She has liver problems and may have to have a transplant. The doctor is trying medicine to reduce fluid retention. Sister Ann Conner had a rough time this past week, but was better Saturday. Laura Singleton went back to Harton (Tullahoma) with persistent coughing. Lee Rose has had tests which show a recurrence of some cancer cells in his bladder. Remember the Masons, the Roses, sister Green, the Conners, sister Trail, Leon Stancliff and Dorris Davis in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions.

Friday night singing - March 30 - 7:00 PM
Pond congregation, Dickson, TN

Planned Fellowship Today

We will be eating lunch at "the house" after worship today. The children will also be hunting for some eggs that have been "lost". Come and enjoy the food and family fun.

(Media, Religion - Continued from front)

Paul pointed to a fact that ought to be the basis of anyone's faith. In Galatians 1:11,12 he wrote, "But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ" (NKJV). For anyone desiring to know the true faith of Christianity, this has to be a bedrock principle.

Far too many depend on humans to tell them what God has revealed. The problem is that humans are imperfect. Though they may have several academic degrees, they still hold a bias that may intrude into their teaching. Though they have no intention of harming anyone's faith, by their imperfect knowledge they can lead many astray. People may mean well, but their ability to accurately teach truth is less than perfect. (That applies to the one writing this article.) We must each honestly ask, What is the source of my faith? Has it come from man, or from God? We won't receive the truth exactly as Paul did; Christ won't confront us in a blinding light as we travel down the highway. But the Bible is God's perfect revelation of truth (see 2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:3,4). As long as my beliefs rest ultimately on the revealed will of God, then I'm likely going to know the truth.

The cover of the latest issue of your favorite news magazine promises to enlighten you on what the Bible really teaches about a sensitive issue. Be skeptical. Remind yourself that only God is always true.

"Forever, O Lord, your word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89).

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Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
02/18	17	31	22	\$498.30	21
02/25	22	36	26	\$591.52	23
03/04	21	36	32	\$518.75	21
03/11	11	20	15	\$495.01	15
03/18	18	28	24	\$537.50	12
Goals	35	45	36		35



Bible Search

by **Kenneth L. Thomas**

Questions for week of March 25, 2006

1. If you know that a tree has fallen, where would you expect to locate it, according to a scripture?
2. What prophet speaks of people hearing words from behind them, to guide them in the "turns of life" as they walk, even though they were given difficulties from God? (These difficulties are described as that which they were eating and drinking.)
3. How are weapons, canines, birds, and animals related to destruction? (all in one verse)
4. Scripture (Joel 2:13) indicates that God sometimes changes His mind (repents) and decides not to give immediate punishment to the wicked. But what city was warned that God was "tired" of repenting?
5. Where does the Bible mention uncovered heels?
6. In what area of life were "professors" in denial? (Tricky, but should be obvious when you find it.)
7. In what city did Paul remain, thinking it was good to work there by himself, sending his co-worker to another place where he could strengthen the congregation there?

Answers for week of March 18, 2007

1. What captain turned all his business affairs over to a person who was so trustworthy that it was indicated that he (the captain) really did not know what was happening with his finances? (He only knew that he had food, but did not have to worry about anything financial!y).

Answer: Potiphar

Genesis 39: 1 - And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer

of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. 2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. 4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. 5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. 6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

2. Who interfered with the reception of a personal letter to a congregation in New Testament times, and what was the attitude of this person?

Answer: Diotrephes - Attitude: Arrogant, conceited, and malicious. I heard a story (fictitious I hope) about a preacher who was fired because he had read this in a sermon. One of the elders saw it as a "personal attack"!

3 John 9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. 10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

3. The Bible has many references to "multiplication", but which writer of scripture expresses a wish for the multiplication of three blessings that God's children enjoy? (Hint: another writer mentions two blessings in a similar reference.)

Answer: Jude. (**Jude 1:2**) "**Mercy unto you, and peace and love, be multiplied.**"

(The other writer is Peter.) (1 Pet 1:2) "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:**Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.**

(2 Pet 1:2) "**Grace and peace be multiplied** unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,"

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4. Where are the nocturnal habits of animals from the woods described in Psalms?

Answer: (Psa 104:20-22) "Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth. {21} The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. {22} The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens."

5. Find three specific aspects of life that two Bible men asserted would be a part of their entire life (in their words, "long as I live")? (One passage is NOT in Psalms). There are three separate passages I have in mind.

Answer:

1. **Singing God's praise**

2. **Calling on God**

3. (from Job) **Speaking no wickedness, maintaining his integrity, and remaining righteous, so that his heart will not "reproach" him**

"I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live:

I will sing praise to my God while I have my being" (Psalm 104:33).

"Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live" (Psalm 116:2).

Job 27: 1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, 2 As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul; 3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; 4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. 5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

6. In what reference is the praise of God's name connected with sunrise and sunset?

Answer: Psalm 113:3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised.

7. Old Testament scripture urges everything that "has breath" to praise the Lord, and Psa 148:1 urges, "Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights." . . . In contrast, who does NOT praise God?

Answer: The dead!

Psalm 115:17 The **dead praise not the LORD**, neither any that go down into silence. Psalms 115:15 Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth. 16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. 17 The **dead praise not the LORD**, neither any that go down into silence. 18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

(Isa 38:18-19) "For the **grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee:** they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. {19} The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth."