

Weep... (continued)

three grandchildren who can't possibly fathom the events of this week.

The paths of Dan's children continued to cross the paths of my sons. For at least two seasons Matthew won admiration of my sons John and Chris as they worked together in a physically demanding landscape and tree business. Later John and Matt teamed up as youth ministers to initiate a youth series in the Nashville area which still brings youth together to worship and enjoy inter-congregational fellowship. Chris and Matt's brother Jacob were college roommates at FHU. John and Chris were in Matt and Mary's wedding. But all those memories now bring pain as they remind us of a departed friend and brother.

No one really knows the whole story - - not here on earth. But God gave His own Son up to the hands of the rough crowd of Jerusalem, to take His life. Why? To give us hope even in times of such devastating loss. Before His impending death Jesus consoled His disciples. " And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." John 16:22. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14.

Whether you know this family personally or not, please take time to pray. Pray for the family. Pray for Mary and her family. Pray for the children in a special way. Pray for the congregation at Selmer, TN. Pray for God's people everywhere. And pray for lost people in the world and those who try in their own way to give hope to them. The apostle, Paul, wrote:

13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith —that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3:13-21, ESV)

Opportunities to Serve:

Sunday	Mar. 26	April 2
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Ken Thomas	Jr. Conner
Song leader (Wor)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Andy Miller	Andy Miller
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Jr. Conner
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Ken Thomas
(center)	Nick Graham	Nick Graham
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	Brian Dennis	Brian Dennis

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
02/19	19	34	19	\$593	22
02/26	Not recorded in a timely way				
03/05	19	37	21	\$579	24
03/12	22	35	22	\$618	18
03/19	22	31			
Goals	25	45	36		35

* Denotes a previous goal met

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM
Worship 11 AM
6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

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March 26, 2006

A Time to Weep

Ken Thomas

A preacher is slain. His wife has confessed. A family is shattered. The church weeps, prays, and tries to console. And the world tries to figure it out.

Not all of the facts are in. Reports have been confused and contradictory. But the death of Matthew Winkler cuts deep into the heart of every caring soul who hears about it.

For years I have used Wendell Winkler's great study about attitudes, "Heart Diseases and their Cure". This book has changed attitudes of myself and several congregations about the sins of ungodliness, envy, ingratitude, harsh judgments, faultfinding, discontent, pride, doubt, worry, hatred, discouragement, impatience and prejudice. Some see these as mere variations in personality, but the Bible shows clearly that they are sins that carry grave consequences. Brother Winkler passed away recently after a long career of preaching and teaching. Now his preaching grandson is dead.

In a grad class at Lipscomb I met Dan Winkler. From that time I followed his career with interest, as he stood faithful while storms of liberalism lashed congregations in the area.. Now he stands faithful in another way as he and his wife take on the task of caring for (back page)



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of March 26

1. What Jewish priest and his sons were using the names of Jesus and Paul in attempted exorcisms?
2. Where was Sherezer sent, and for what purpose?
3. After a quartet of previously unsuccessful efforts to discourage a Jewish building project, who made his next attack by written words? (He sent a letter carrier with a fabricated written charge of rebellion, and accusations that the leader of the project had the motive of becoming a monarch himself?)
4. Find the five passages where death is described as something that is "tasted".
5. What city was told to wash its heart?
6. What two varieties of lumber were floated to King Solomon for his building project?
7. Pillars in Solomon's temple porch were named. What was the name of the one on the left?

Answers for week of March 19

1. To what land did a woman take her household to avoid a famine that lasted for seven years?
Answer: The land of the Philistines. (2 Ki 8:1-6 KJV) "Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years. {2} And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. {3} And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. {4} And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done. {5} And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the

woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life"

2. What nation was compared to a pot used for washing?

Answer: Moab

Psalm 60:8 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me. See also Psalm 108:9

3. Whose weapon, wrapped in fabric, was given to the person who killed its original owner. Their battle was at the vale of Elah.

Answer: The weapon had been Goliath's. The sword was given to David. 1Samuel 21:7-9 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul [was] there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name [was] Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that [belonged] to Saul. 8 And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste. 9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it [is here] wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take [it]: for [there is] no other save that here. And David said, [There is] none like that; give it me.

4. What child was engaged in religious discussion (at the time unknown to the child's parents) and caused them to be disturbed because they did not know where he was?

Answer: Jesus (Note from the quizzer: Mary and Joseph are both called parents in the text, though technically Joseph was not Jesus' father. Parenthood is not only a function of biological reproduction, but also of training and nurturing, and I think this passage demonstrates that idea. When he went with them, back to Nazareth, he was "subject unto them.")

Luke 2:41-49 - Now his [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. 42

And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. 43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. 44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. 45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. 46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. 48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

5. Whose royal corpse was beheaded, displayed in enemy territory, and attached to a wall?

Answer: King Saul of Israel. This was an evident attempt to ridicule the nation of Israel by so treating the king's body, and the valiant men of Jabesh-Gilead tried to right the wrong.

1 Sam 31:5-13 - And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together 7 And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent

into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people. 10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan. 11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; 12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. 13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

6. What king had once worn the uniform of a prisoner?

Answer: Jehoiachin

Jer 52:31-34 - And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison, 32 And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon, 33 And changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life. 34 And for his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

7. What reason seems to be behind the command that priests (Old Testament) should wear linen and not wool?

Answer: There seems to be a difference made between wool and linen, because they were not to wear anything that would cause them to sweat. Ezek 44:17-18 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. 18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat.