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Anatomy of God

Several of my lessons presented at Beech Grove and Green Hill have described the work and power of God in terms of parts of the human body. These descriptions help us comprehend the awesome power and magnificent work of the Almighty. We must agree with Balaam that God is not a man (or son of man), Num. 23:19. As Jesus said, "God is a Spirit", John 4:24, and "a spirit hath not flesh and bones," Luke 24:39. On the other hand, the Bible itself speaks of the face of God, His eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth . . . His strong arm, His right hand, His finger . . . His heart and His bosom.

As I studied for these lessons I remembered a book that I had. Reprinted by Kregel in 1972, this book had been published in 1855 by Benjamin Keach. The new title was *Preaching from the Types and Metaphors of th Bible*". Here is a quote (p. 48) that encapsulates the

essence of our study together.

"By his *eyes* we are to understand that he sees all things, and by his *ears* that he hears all things ; by his *fingers* some significations of his will and mind; by his *nostrils*, his savoury reception of prayers as sweet odours; by his *hand*, his active and creating power ; by his *arm*, his irresistible strength; by his *feet*, his ubiquity [omnipresence, klt], &c. For members or their particular offices are not necessary to him, whose tacit pleasure commands a ready obedience from all things. What needs he *eyes* who is light itself? What needs he *feet* who is every where? Why would he *go in*, when there is not a place out of which he can go? What occasion has he for *hands*, when his silent will is the builder, contriver, or architect of all things?

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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

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of March 29

1. It is God's will that we give thanks, but to what limit? (Check the "give thanks" passages.)
2. Flies in distant Egyptian rivers and Assyrian bees represent the armies that would invade and land in deserted valleys, empty holes in rocks, and on plants. How would God summon them?
3. What mourning father was accused of loving his enemies and hating his friends?
4. What tiring practice is associated with a product that is produced "without end"?
5. If God were desirous of food, why would he not inform his people of that? Find a reference in Psalms.
6. Pasture lands are dressed, and God covers the low lands between the hills (which seem happy!) What two kinds of covering are provided by the Lord?
7. Find three doors mentioned in the early part of Revelation. If you would like, explain the significance of each.

Answers for week of March 22

1. Who killed a man that was digitally overly equipped (in reference to fingers and toes)?
Answer: Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David killed a man with a total of 24 digits on his hands and feet. For the mathematicians among us, I wonder if he invented base 12 numeration or if he was really good at illustrating a dozen items :)
2 Samuel 21: 19 And there was again a battle in Gath with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was **a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number;** and he also

was born to the giant. 21 And when he defied Israel, **Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him.**

---1 Chronicles 20 is an alternate account

2. What two famous Old Testament characters listed the sons of Israel and expressed his "blessing" upon them (and their descendants) concerning the future? (There may have been others but I know at least two.)

Answer: Jacob (Israel) and Moses.

Jacob gathered his sons to tell them what would happen to them in the future. Shortly after that, he died. Genesis 49 records this. Moses also predicted the fate of the tribes right before his death. These are given in Deuteronomy 33. I will not record both texts, but urge you to read them on your own.

3. A high place (in the Old Testament) was an elevated place that was used for idolatrous practices. At one place it is said that the altars at one high place would have nuisance plants growing up on them, and the altars are described in scripture as talking to the mountains. What did they say to them?

Answer: "Cover us" . . .and to the hills they said , "Fall on us."

The nuisance plants are thorns and thistles that will come up on their altars. Now that I look at the text closer, it seems that the speakers are the people of Israel, and that makes even more sense to me. What do you think? Doesn't it seem that Israel is the antecedent of they and their?

(Hosea 10:8) The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on **their** altars; and **they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.**

Other passages where there is a request for the hills and mountains to be a cover:

(Luke 23:28-30) But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. 29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never

gave suck. 30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. (Rev 6:14-17) And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

4. What was the original name of a king whose eyes were put out?

Answer: Mattaniah (references are below)

5. Who had made him king and changed his name?

Answer: Nebuchadnezzar

2 Ki 24:17-18) "And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah. 18 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah."

(2 Ki 25:1-7) "And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it: and they built forts against it round about. 2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. 4 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain. 5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him. 6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. 7 And they

slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon."

6. What Old Testament prophet predicted that the Lord would bring civil war to Egypt and that they would be ruled by a fierce king?

Answer: Isaiah

Isaiah 19:1 The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. 2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. 3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. 4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

7. What cleanly dressed people are slated to walk with Jesus according to a New Testament passage?

Answer: Some of the saints in the church at Sardis who had maintained purity in a wicked environment.

Revelation 3:1-6 (letter to the Christians in Sardis, in particular verse 4) 1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. . . . 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear . . .

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Military connections: Andy Miller family in Japan; Drew and Adam Thomas. Shut ins: Laura Singleton at Manchester Health Care, and William Miller at NHC in Murfreesboro. Our deepest sympathy to Ann Conner and Charlene Brandon, sisters of Lady Ruth Reed whose funeral was this past week in Woodbury. Sister Reed's husband Warren is the preacher at Curlee. They also had another death in the family, a cousin Nina (Whitfield) Thomas, of Texas. Funeral and burial will be at Curlee Cemetery.

Thanks to Wayne Gannon for teaching the Wednesday night class in Ken's absence, and thanks to the Conners and the Harvey family for transporting him to Beech Grove.

Welcome, visitors

Let us know how we may serve you. We are glad that we are frequently blessed with visitors. Most of the time visitors are familiar with what to expect in our services, but if you have any questions why we do as we do, feel free to ask.

Food Pantry - Please continue a sustained effort to bring items. If you know of a pressing need for food please let it be known.

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Mar	22	15	21	25	13	\$705
Mar	15	17	24	18	12	\$619
Mar	8	17	23	17	17	\$686
Mar	1	NA	NA	15		\$393

(Anatomy, from front page)

To conclude, he is all eye, because every part of him sees all! All ear, because every part of him hears all."

His mouth has spoken to us in His Word, conveying thoughts from the mind of God to man. We pray with the understanding that his ears are open and His eyes see our needs even before we ask. He supplies that which we need with his bountiful hand. His strong arm protects us, His hand leads us, His loving heart encourages us. His voice which spoke the world into existence, the word which still preserves the earth against destruction, will someday unleash the fiery end of the world. May we all be safe in his hand, preserved unto eternal life in a new abode

Psa 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

2 Pet 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. . . .14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

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Assignments	March 29	April 5
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
(outside)	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
(outside)	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	Lee Rose