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The longer one waits to return to God, the more costly it is.

Repairs Can Be Made

by Luke Bower

The last week I finally had the time, money, and help (from my dad) to get our Jeep running again. The initial problem was only a broken fuel pump, but since I let it sit so long, the Jeep now had a couple of dried-out gaskets, a dead battery, and a rat had chewed through the wires of the engine.

The repair ended up costing more time and money than if I had taken care of it months ago.

It is not any different with us in our Christian lives.

I do not know how many people tell me, "I'll come back to church eventually," or "I am just taking a break from this whole Christian thing. Well, apparently, they misunderstand what it means to be a Christian or part of the church. How can you take a break from who you are?"

Just like my car, the longer you sit out the more pain and problems you will build up and the more difficult it will be when and if you ever decide to return to who God wants you to be.

None of us are granted tomorrow, and we can't afford to wait.

It may take some time, some hard work -- and it will definitely mean spending some time with your Father -- but all repairs can be made.

"Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4 ESV)

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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 April 13

1. If a person is prideful and ignorant, what will they do?
2. Where does the Bible refer to borrowing as slavery?
3. Question: What is the faithful Christian's dilemma as he weighs the benefits of both life and death? Give a quote from Paul to justify your answer.
4. What Old Testament prophet speaks of two-handed evil, done with earnestness?
5. What is the connection between foolishness and darkness (two passages)
6. What extraordinary action did some men take for the kingdom of "heaven's sake"?
7. Who spoke of God's ability to uproot mountains, turning them over?

Answers for week of April 7

1. What beast of burden saw a barrier blocking its way and left its original path?

Answer: An ass. (Later translations use the word "donkey".)

Numbers 22:23 - And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

Since the Bible's terminology has been vulgarized in today's language, we often make a convenient translation to donkey. But, in truth, the donkey was but one of several breeds of ass.-----

From Dictionary.com

Any of several hoofed mammals of the genus Equus, resembling and closely related to the horses but having a smaller build and longer ears, and including the domesticated donkey.

(A longer Bible based definition)

ass: Of the domesticated species we read of, (1.) The she ass (Heb. 'athon), so named from its slowness (Gen. 12:16; 45:23; Num. 22:23; 1 Sam. 9:3).

(2.) The male ass (Heb. hamor), the common working ass of Western Asia, so called from its red colour. Issachar is compared to a strong ass (Gen. 49:14). It was forbidden to yoke together an ass and an ox in the plough (Deut. 22:10).

(3.) The ass's colt (Heb. 'air), mentioned Judg. 10:4; 12:14. It is rendered "foal" in Gen. 32:15; 49:11. (Comp. Job 11:12; Isa. 30:6.) The ass is an unclean animal, because it does not chew the cud (Lev. 11:26. Comp. 2 Kings 6:25). Asses constituted a considerable portion of wealth in ancient times (Gen. 12:16; 30:43; 1 Chr. 27:30; Job 1:3; 42:12). They were noted for their spirit and their attachment to their master (Isa. 1:3). They are frequently spoken of as having been ridden upon, as by Abraham (Gen. 22:3), Balaam (Num. 22:21), the disobedient prophet (1 Kings 13:23), the family of Abdon the judge, seventy in number (Judg. 12:14), Zipporah (Ex. 4:20), the Shunammite (1 Sam. 25:30), etc. Zechariah (9:9) predicted our Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, "riding upon an ass, and upon a colt," etc. (Matt. 21:5, R.V.). Of wild asses two species are noticed, (1) that called in Hebrew _'arod_, mentioned Job 39:5 and Dan. 5:21, noted for its swiftness; and (2) that called _pe're_, the wild ass of Asia (Job 39:6-8; 6:5; 11:12; Isa. 32:14; Jer. 2:24; 14:6, etc.). The wild ass was distinguished for its fleetness and its extreme shyness. In allusion to his mode of life, Ishmael is likened to a wild ass (Gen. 16:12. Here the word is simply rendered "wild" in the Authorized Version, but in the Revised Version, "wild-ass among

men").

2. Subjection to the law of God is not a characteristic of the _____ mind.

Answer: Carnal

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom 8:7).

3. What kind of person is the target of the evil bowmen (arrow-shooters)?

Answer: The upright in heart.

The righteous are constantly under attack from the forces of evil.

Psalm 11:2 - For, lo, the wicked bend [their] bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

4. What kind of plants are described as growing on the top of a house?

Answer: Grass

2 Kings 19:26. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up. Psalms 129:6. Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up: Isaiah 37:27. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

5. What person described some difficulties that accompany being greatly wise and knowledgeable?

Answer: The writer of Ecclesiastes, "the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem" (Probably Solomon, though some think otherwise) speaks of grief and sorrow.

Alternate answer: Isaiah speaks of wisdom perishing and understanding being hidden (Eccl 1:16-18 KJV) "I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all

they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. {17} And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. {18} For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow."

(Isa 29:14) "Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid."

6. What disgusting act of worship was practiced by the people of Sepharvaim?

Answer: burnt sacrifice of children - :2 Kings 17:31 - And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim."

7. After the removal of the nation Israel into Assyrian territory, other people were placed in Israel's former territory. What did the Lord do to vex those new inhabitants of the land?

Answer: He sent lions among them. see vss. 23 and 25 below

(2 Ki 17:20-26) "And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. {21} For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. {22} For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; {23} Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day. {24} And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from

Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. {25} And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them. {26} Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land."

Prayer Needs and Requests

Jackie Hafer is progressing in fighting her infection. She is also having dialysis. She is in the Manchester hospital. Junior Conner's sister, was in the hospital in McMinnville this week.

Arlin Mesick and Jerry Mesick, Jessie Pearl Green's brothers, continue to need prayer due to their cancer. Remember William Miller at NHC and Laura Singleton at home.

Continue to pray for those who are in mission fields. Also pray for peace in the world and wisdom for those in authority. Pray for the poor and suffering.

A "Moron?"

by Steve Higginbotham

The blog title read, "Moron turns in \$140,000.00." What this title has reference to is the news story that broke last month. Eli Estrada, a 40 year-old Palm Beach resident found a bag containing \$140,000.00 in unmarked \$20.00 bills.

Mr. Estrada certainly could have used the money. About six months ago, he opened a landscaping and artificial-grass business and is in debt; he says his child support payments are tough to make; and he supports his mother, who moved in with him last year after she lost her house to a fumbled refinancing plan. Yet, Mr. Estrada went straight to the police and turned in all \$140,000.00.

Apparently a Brinks armored truck somehow lost the money. Brinks rewarded Mr. Estrada for his good deed by giving him \$2,000.00.

So now, was Mr. Estrada a really a "moron?" Only if one views such values as honesty, integrity, and the "golden rule" as foolish. But what about the cheap reward that was offered? Some on this blog said that if they knew the reward for turning in the money would have been so small, they would have kept it. But do we have to be financially rewarded for doing the right thing? Are our values so degraded that we feel we deserve a "reward" for doing what we're supposed to do?

A moron? Hardly. Here's a man who has demonstrated that he sufficient intelligence to know that some things are more valuable than money...things like integrity, honesty, and doing the right thing. Thank you, Mr. Estrada, for your example. May your tribe increase!

Now then, truthfully, what would you do if you found them money? Give it some thought.

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For the record:	03/16	03/23	03/30	04/07
Bible Study	9	14	10	19
AM Worship	17	35	21	27
PM Worship	26	25	27	24
Wed. Bible Study	13	9	23	15
Contribution	\$433	\$760	\$615	\$526

Assignments	April 13	April 20
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Joe Green
(center)	Nick Graham	Steve Miller
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		