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The Warren Harvey Conversion Story



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

In December of 1994 Warren had a severe heart attack, and in the time he spent at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, his heart stopped for two periods of time in which he was considered clinically dead for 30 and 45 minutes. I did not know him at the time. Later, in Bible classes mentioned that he "had died", and I reminded him of Hebrews 9:27 which identifies death as a "once-appointed" event. I'd remind him that death was still future for him.

At the time I first met the Harveys, Nancy was taking an algebra class that I taught for Vol State. She had asked for permission not to attend class, but simply to take tests, since her husband was barely hanging on to life. She was trying to care for him as well as a full load of home health patients in an agency she managed. After realizing she could not learn the material in the class without attending, she began attending and talking to me. She had learned that I was a preacher, so one day she called to ask me if I did "house calls". Teasing, I asked her if she was having that much trouble with math, and she said, "Not that, I need help with Warren." At that point she told me briefly of his concerns, and I went to visit them at their Lebanon, TN, home.

While I was there I learned that Warren still had memories of the time he was "out", and they were NOT memories of a lighted path lined with angels. Rather, he remembered a dark, dank place full of spiders and rats and snakes, and his brother and Daddy telling him not to come there. He asked if I knew anything about near-death experiences and asked if there was spiritual significance to that. I told him, "Yes, there is spiritual significance to that!. You are concerned about your spiritual condition and where you'll spend eternity!" I then asked them if they would consider our having a regular Bible study in their home. They had both been raised as Seventh-day Baptists in New York, but had no church of that type to attend. (Cont. on back page)

Assignments	April 15	April 22
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	Cole Gordon
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Sister Jessie Pearl Green went to Vanderbilt for her condition. She continues to have difficulty and the doctors have changed some of her medications. Laura Singleton is still sick at home. Please remember the Brandt family in prayer in regard to Effie's cancer. Steve Miller has been down in his back with serious pain. Vadna Trail has a fracture and has been unable to attend lately. Remember William Miller in NHC, Room 124. Wayne Gannon's brother, Robert, has a cancer of the blood (not leukemia), and is having shots to strengthen him so he can take chemo. Ann Conner was unable to be out Wednesday night. Remember in prayer these and others as they deal with chronic conditions.

Sympathy

Warren Harvey, friend of Ken and Judy and Wayne passed away in Florida this week. Leon Stancliff, former preacher here, teacher at MTSU, and author of commentaries on the Bible passed away after an extended illness.

Harvey (continued) We began viewing the Jule Miller videos as a start for our studies, and before they were baptized we also studied Sabbatarian issues. After about three studies, Nancy came to math class and told me we needed to speed things up. She did not feel that He would live very long, and needed to be baptized. When I asked, "What about you", she said "I need it too." I made arrangements with the Highland Church in Lebanon to use their pool, and Nancy and Warren were baptized within moments of each other.

Immediately the effect on Nancy was obvious, and due to her influence I conducted Bible studies at her office and in six home-health clients' homes.

A co-worker and her husband were baptized. Two of the patients also obeyed the gospel despite their frailness. The Harveys ordered their own set of films, and Warren showed them to his sister within a single week. When she returned to Florida, eventually she was baptized. They sent a set of films to their son Rod. Their younger son Daniel obeyed the gospel and eventually married a Christian lady, Roberta. After the Harveys moved to Florida, their grandson, Nathaniel, visited them and was baptized. Returning to his LaVergne, TN home, he was able to get his mother (Diane) to attend with him, and after studying with Jon Gary Williams, she obeyed the gospel.

There is no telling where this story will end, or how many people will eventually be in heaven because of that chance meeting in a math class. My life has been enriched and inspired by the zeal for the pursuit of truth that this family has had. They are givers and sharers.

For several years Warren has challenged himself to find the answers to daily Bible questions which I have sent by internet over the past several years. There was a time when he rarely failed to send the correct, well-researched, answer. Nancy tells me that even when he did not send the answers, he was regular in searching the scriptures.

My deepest sympathy goes to this family, and to those who knew Warren. Because of his health limitations, he was not always able to do what he wanted to do, but he was always a Barnabas to me, and I loved him.

(This is part of a letter from Ken Thomas, sent to Randal Myers who held the funeral on April 12.)

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
03/11	11	20	15	\$495.01	15
03/18	18	28	24	\$537.50	12
03/25	10	32	21	\$524.50	16
04/01	15	32	16	\$446.75	17
04/08	18	47*	17	\$563.25	17
Goals	35	45*	36		35



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of April 15, 2006

1. What enemy of Israel (of the royal line in Edom) ran away to Egypt while he was still young, eventually marrying the Pharaoh's sister-in-law?
2. What was this man's wife named?
3. What was their son's name?
4. For how long a time was Isaiah commanded to continue his message to his people even after they had quit listening?
5. Which ancient city's demise is foretold describing its future use as a place to spread a fish net on "rocky top"?
6. At one point in the process of possessing the promised land, seven tribes had not yet received their allotment. How many men did Joshua send out to survey the remaining area? (They put their description in a book so the land could be divided.)
7. One of the earliest fabric used in American quilts was linsey-woolsey. Why would such a garment made of this cloth be unacceptable in the time of the Mosaic law?
8. What is the Old Testament law that explains Paul's statement in 2 Cor 11:24 "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one."
9. Moses was saved in a floating basket (ark). Who else was saved in a basket?

Answers for week of April 8, 2007

1. The Bible uses either the word "voice" or "noise" in over 500 verses, with voice being much more frequently used. In what single

verse do you have these two words used a total of five times? (King James Version)

Answer: Ezekiel 1:24

And when they went, I heard the **noise** of their wings, like the **noise** of great waters, as the **voice** of the Almighty, the **voice** of speech, as the **noise** of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

2. How many books of the Bible mention Noah (of ark building fame) by name? This is tricky because there is another Noah who did not build an ark!

Answer: Nine if we allow the Noe spelling in the New Testament. Seven if

only Noah is used. (Remember that on textual questions based on wording, the KJV is the standard that is used for a final answer.) Another Noah, daughter of Zelophehad, is mentioned in Numbers and Joshua, but she does not count!

Noe - Matt.24:37, Luke 17:26

Noah - Gen.6:8, 1 Chron.1:4, Isa.54:9, Eze.14:14, , Heb.11:7, 1 Peter 3:20, 2 Peter 2:5.

3. What word in Titus 2:7 is used to describe the building of the tabernacle?

Answer: Pattern. There is a pattern for living the Christian life, just as there was a pattern for building the tabernacle. (Are we following the pattern God has given??)

Titus 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a **pattern of good works**: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Exodus 25:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, . . . 8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I shew thee, after the **pattern of the tabernacle**, and the **pattern of all the instruments thereof**, even so shall ye make it.

4. What man of old time removed a covering,

and later had a covering placed on himself by two sons?

Answer : Noah. He uncovered the Ark and later his sons covered his body.

Genesis 8:13:And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and **Noah removed the covering of the ark**, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

Genesis 9:23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and **covered the nakedness of their father**; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

5. What should be the Christian's approach to those who are practicing "self-opposition"?

Answer: To instruct them, in meekness, in hopes that they will eventually repent and acknowledge the truth. By implication, a person will not accept truth is his own enemy.

(2 Tim 2:25 KJV) "**In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves**; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;"

6. In which Psalm is a person commended for making a solemn promise (oath)and does what he said he would do even if he realizes the oath is to his own detriment? (In other words, he is a man of his word, and does not try to weasel out of his obligation.)

Answer: Psalm 15

"A Psalm of David. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? {2} He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. {3} He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. {4} In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that **swaureth to his own hurt, and changeth**

not. {5} He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved."

7. Who is the refuge of the poor?

Answer: The Lord

Psalm 14:6 - Ye have shamed the counsel of **the poor, because the LORD is his refuge.**

Isaiah 25:1 - O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. 2 For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. 3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. 4 For **thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.**

8. What was God's attitude toward the prayers of those who were a laughingstock to their enemies? (The passage I want you to find indicates that His people had been given tears to eat and drink.)

Answer: Angry, but it is implied that repentance would lead to forgiveness.

Psalm 80:1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth. 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come and save us. 3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. 4 O LORD God of hosts, **how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?** 5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure. 6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our **enemies laugh among themselves.** 7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.