



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## Go, Susan, Go

She had a slight brain injury while she was born. At times her response to questions is slow. She is no raving beauty. . . even homely perhaps. As an adult in her late forties, she says she has never been kissed. But she obviously loved her mother, caring for her until her death two years ago. Now she lives with her cat in Scotland. And the lady described by writers as a “frumpy middle-aged virgin” has stood the entertainment world on its judgmental ear.

Susan Boyle has taught many people this week that those who judge from outward appearance are often put to shame by their own behavior. She was a contestant on Britain’s Got Talent last week. As she entered the stage for her performance, the judges and the audience were openly scornful and bemused by this unassuming looking woman. But by the time she had gotten a few words into her song, “I Dreamed a Dream”, the scorn turned to amazement and delight. Judges who are known for their cruel remarks to inferior contestants were unanimous in their praise. . . and confessions of surprise and delight. One judge gave her the “biggest yes” he had ever given. And now the video of her performance has been seen by multiple millions of viewers via the internet, news broadcasts, and interview shows

on TV. She has brought tears of joy and admiration to many eyes.

She says of those who picked on her in the past, “I think I’ve won them around”, and she has become the hero of her town. I hope that Susan is able to maintain an humble heart while being praised by the media and all her new “fans”. She has my ear waiting to hear her next song.

She is referred to as a church worker. By that I assume that she has been charitable in her community. Let us pray for her that she will let the Lord be her guide through all the notoriety, and eventually this beautiful voice will be able to praise the God of Heaven face to face.

(Prov 31:30) Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. (1 Sam 16:7) But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

You can see her performance here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnmbJzH93NU&NR=1>

She speaks on the CBS Morning Show here, [http://news.cnet.com/8301-17852\\_3-10220938-71.html?tag=mncol;posts](http://news.cnet.com/8301-17852_3-10220938-71.html?tag=mncol;posts)

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### Sunday Schedule

<b>Bible Classes</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday: Bible Classes</b>	<b>7 PM</b>

### 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 April 19

1. I found four passages that suggest that hills might hear what God says. Find at least three of them .
2. Where do we find warnings about using measures that do not give full measure? Find at least three of the passages.
3. The king of Judah destroyed the brass serpent made by Moses (because it had become an object of worship), but his contemporary in Israel was imprisoned by Shalmaneser of Assyria for not giving his usual yearly "present", and also for communicating with the Egyptian king. What is the name of that "king of Egypt"? If you wish you may also name the kings of Israel and Judah.
4. Attention to (and continuance in) what two things was necessary for the salvation of Timothy and his audience?
5. Which is the better man, a poor but truthful man, or a wealthy liar? Prove it by scripture.
6. One house is described as being built of fir and cedar. What color was the bed in that house?
7. In regard to clothing, what do (1) Assyrian captains and rulers, (2) those who are in the courts of kings, and (3) Jesus, as dressed by Herod, have in common? Give references to all three.

## Answers for week of April 12

1. If we will do something in the Lord's sight, he will elevate us. What is that "something" we must do? The verse will specifically relate these conditions.

**Answer: Humble ourselves**

James 4:10- Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

2. Many passages in the Bible refer to military hostilities between men, but the Lord can bring them to an end. In one passage He is pictured as destroying specific weapons and the means of transportation for warriors. Find the appropriate passage and show how it fits the question.

**Answer: Destruction of bow and sword:**

**(Hosea 2:18-20)** And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with

the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. . . .20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

*Destruction of arrows, shield and sword:*

Psalms 76:1-3 (KJV) 1 In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel. 2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion. 3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

*Destruction of chariots (and riders)*

Jeremiah 51:19-21 (KJV) 19 The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name. 20 Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; 21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

Nahum 2:13 (KJV) Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

3. Who would destroy (by conflagration) so many weapons over a span of years that they would need no firewood from woodlands?

**Answer: Residents of Israel's cities.** So many weapons would be burned that for seven years they would not need to cut firewood.

Ezekiel 39:8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years: 10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

4. According to a reliable statement that should be regularly affirmed, believers in God should use care to "\_\_\_\_\_."

**Answer: Maintain good works.** Timothy was instructed to repeatedly teach those who were saved

to be careful to maintain good works. If I understand the passage, it indicates that to become a Christian is not enough. We must continue in a regular practice of doing those things which are good.

Titus 3: 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

5. In a passage that discusses the promise of God to Abraham's descendants as well as the plagues of Egypt, we learn that a famous Bible character was imprisoned with painful metal shackles. Who was this person? (Note: to get credit for this you need to give the passage which mentions ALL of the key ideas in the question.)

**Answer: Joseph (look at the context and see that ALL the requirements of the question are fulfilled here.)**

Psalm 105:8-38 (promise: v.8-10; plagues: v.27-36; Joseph in fetters: v.17-18. The land of Ham refers to Egypt. )

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. 9 Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: . . . moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread. 17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: 18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: . . .27 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word. ...36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength. 37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

6. Which is the better man, a poor but truthful man, or a wealthy liar? Prove it by scripture.

**Answer: The poor truthful man.**

Proverbs 28:6 (KJV) Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

NASB: Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is crooked though he be rich.

Compare Proverbs 19:22 . . . a poor man is better than a liar.

Read this from Matthew Henry, online at

<http://www.ccel.org/h/henry/mhc2/MHC20019.HTM>

“A poor man, who wishes you well, but can promise you nothing, because he has nothing to be kind with, is better than a liar, than a rich man who makes you believe he will do mighty things, but, when it comes to the setting to, will do nothing. The character of the men of low degree, that they are vanity, from whom nothing is expected, is better than that of men of high degree, that they are a lie, they deceive those whose expectations they raised.”

7. David said: "I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." This text has become popular as a song among Christians. The question: Where is the text found?

**Answer:** Actually it is found in 2 places, though the 2 Samuel passage first caught my eye as a psalm outside the Psalms. The wording is not exactly the same in both places, but the cited quote is in both.

**2 Sam 22:1** And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:2 And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; 3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. **4 I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. . .** **Psalms 18:1-3** I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. 3 **I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.**

Jennie added: “The next part of the song ‘ The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock and let the God of my salvation be exalted’ is found in Psalms 18:46.

## Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Military connections: Andy Miller family in Japan; Drew and Adam Thomas. Shut ins: Laura Singleton at home, and William Miller at NHC in Murfreesboro. Melissa Dickerson is recovering well. Kristen Toops has continued not feeling well. Sister Vadna Trail is not doing very well at St. Thomas Hospital. She is in 265. Debbie Waldron's daddy, John (JB) Rice passed away Friday after contracting pneumonia in MTMC. Visitation is from 2-4 PM today and the funeral will be Monday at 11 AM. Our sympathy to his wife Gladys, the Waldrons, and others in brother Rice's family. Brother Rice was a member at Sharpesville where Ken preached before coming to Beech Grove. Prayer has been requested by Kim Conner for a former co-worker's mother. Laura Dotson's mother, Jeannie Hale of Fayetteville, TN has mouth cancer and is not at all well. Diane Hernandez has been sick this week and Nancy Harvey had a serious headache Wednesday.

### Tornado Update:

We have learned that Richard Lyles, an elder at Kingwood, lost his house in the recent tornado, and David Young, a minister at North Boulevard experienced hanging on to a tree as debris flew over him and some fell on him sending him to the hospital. He wrote a lengthy article about this in the Friday DNJ. I do not know of others who had major losses, but considering the great devastation, the loss of only two lives is amazing to me. Houses can be replaced, but lives cannot.

### Area Events:

Meeting at **Main Street in Manchester**. The speaker is Ron Laughery. April 19-22, with evening services at 7:00 PM.

**Pocahontas** congregation has a meeting April 22-24 at 7:00 PM nightly. Speakers are Terry Milburn (Wed.), Justin Morrison (Thur.), and Bobby Ray (Fri.) Homecoming will be next Sunday with Ken McAfee speaking at 1:30 as well as at morning service at 10 AM.

**East Main congregation in Murfreesboro** has scheduled Roy Sharp to speak April 26-29. Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 PM as well as a Wednesday morning class at 10. The theme is "The Tests of Life"

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
Apr	12	14	35	14	15	\$712
Apr	5	14	24	21	21	\$605
Mar	29	15	26	25	19	\$841
Mar	22	15	21	25	13	\$705

Assignments	April 19	April 26
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	Joe Green	Steve Miller
Table service (center)	Daniel Green	Ken Thomas
(center)	Joe Green	Wayne Gannon
(outside)	Wayne Gannon	Steve Miller
(outside)	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose

