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How to Displease God



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

The Christian seeks to please God. He wants to be like Jesus who heard the Father speak over him, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17 NET). So he takes to heart Jesus' words, "I always do the things that are pleasing to him" (John 8:29). The disciple wants to hear the Creator's praise, as he himself seeks to bring him glory.

Considering the opposite side of pleasing God can be instructive. Paul charged that the Jews were "displeasing to God" (1 Thessalonians 2:15). Their displeasing attitudes appeared in their opposition to all peoples "because they hinder us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved" (v. 16).

More than anything, God wants all of us to be saved (1 Timothy 2:3-4). So anything or anyone who stands in the way of another's salvation incurs not only his displeasure but even his wrath.

In the first centuries of Christianity, the Roman historian Tacitus wrote that the disciples were charged with "hatred of mankind." Their intense love for mankind was misinterpreted, because they, in wanting to please God, sought the salvation of all. Even though many did not want to be saved.

Some today would charge us with hatred of mankind since we refuse to bend the commandments of God bring people to Christ. We are willing to make every effort, tear down every barrier, remove every obstacle, that people might be saved. Except disregard the will of God. Because above all we want to please him and that also means keeping his commandments. (Continued on back)

Assignments	April 22	April 29
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Wayne Gannon
(center)	Cole Gordon	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Daniel Green	Junior Conner
(outside)	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason

Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Evelyn Klingler is still in the hospital at Manchester. James Mason is scheduled for oral surgery this week. Junior Conner endured an unsuccessful sleep study last week. Sister Jessie Pearl Green had fluid removed and improved some because of that. Laura Singleton was hoping to be at Beech Grove today. It has been over a year since her accident that set her back. Effie Brandt, Laura's neighbor is at home with hospice care. Brandy Miller had a cousin to be involved in a car accident and taken to Erlanger. Steve Miller, Vadna Trail, Wayne Gannon's brother, Robert, and many others who have been dealing with regular problems need our prayers. (I misplaced my list of the sick, so I know some have been overlooked or not updated. I apologize in advance. KLT)

Sample Magazines

We have been given several copies of two different "THINK" magazines. You are urged to take at least one each per family, and more if you know someone who is questioning the reasons for faith. The magazine is published under the auspices of Woodson Chapel congregation and is designed to deal with Biblical topics and Christian evidences. If you would like to subscribe, a form is available.

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"[W]hatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him" (1 John 3:22 ESV).

We pray for the salvation of many, we preach and teach that the nations may be saved, we strictly keep the commandments of God, we seek to please him.

Those who ditch God's commandments as an effort to win more people are the ones who displease God. And, in the end, they are the haters of mankind, because they offer a false gospel and a false hope which leads to the wrath of God. We preach "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:42). The grace and ministry we have received is designed to "bring about the obedience of faith" among the nations (Romans 1:5). We teach all the obedience which leads to righteousness (Romans 6:16).

To do otherwise is to displease God and erect even more barriers to the way of salvation.

Randal Matheny

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Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
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
04/15	15	19	14	\$660.00	13
Goals	35	45*	36		35



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of April 22, 2006

1. Sometimes we hear discussion of people on distant islands inhabited by heathen who do not know of God and his glorious nature. Where is this idea mentioned in scripture? (Warning: some translations use another word than "islands".)
2. There is a chapter in the Bible in which two kings are described. One has broken arms but the other has strong arms. Of what two nations are these kings the leaders, and what is the king with a broken arm going to be able to do about the arm?
3. Jerusalem, Babylon, Athens, Ephesus and many other notable cities had temples which were beautiful to see. But one city mentioned in the Bible was described as having great beauty but the person describing it saw no temple. What is the city and why was no temple seen there?
4. Some Jewish men who lived in Egypt claimed that they had not prospered as well after they quit worshipping the goddess which their wives had worshipped, so they told a prophet they were going to resume giving offerings and worshipping her. Who was the prophet, and in what area of Egypt did these men live?
5. Who lived among deceitful, slanderous, and lying people?
6. According to the context of the question above, what was the connection of their deceit and refusal to know God?
7. Wisdom, strength, and wealth should not be reasons to boast, but what is a legitimate thing to "be proud" of?

Answers for week of April 15, 2007

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?
Answer: Hadad (reference below #3)

2. What was this man's wife named?

Answer: Unnamed. But she was the sister of Pharaoh's wife Tahpenes

3. What was their son's name?

Answer: Genubath

1 Kings 11:14 And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, **Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.** 15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom; 16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:) 17 That **Hadad fled**, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go **into Egypt**; Hadad being yet a little child. 18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. 19 And **Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.** 20 **And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son**, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh. 21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. 22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

4. For how long a time was Isaiah commanded to continue his message to his people even after they had quit listening?

Answer: Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate

(Isa 6:8-12) "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. {9} And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. {10} Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. {11} **Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, {12} And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.**"

5. Which ancient city's demise is foretold describing its future use as a place to spread a fish net on "rocky top"?

Answer: Tyrus (Tyre).

I am including a reference, one of many, to the fulfillment

of the prophecy

Fulfillment Quotes:

1. "This once famous Tyre is now no other than a heap of ruins" (Sandys, 1610).

2. In his history textbook, Philip Myers (a secular historian, not a theologian) wrote, "Alexander the Great ... reduced it to ruins. She recovered in a measure from this blow, but never regained the place she had previously held in the world. The larger part of the site of the once great city is now bare as the top of a rock--a place where the fishermen that still frequent the spot spread their nets to dry."

3. "I continued my walk along the shore of the peninsula, part of which is now unoccupied except as a place to spread nets upon. ... Tyre has indeed become like the top of a rock" (Dr. Robinson, 1838).

<http://www.oabs.org/classes/hs/Ezekiel.htm>

Ezekiel 26:1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste: 3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I am against thee, O Tyrus**, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. 4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. . . .13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. 14 **And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon;** thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

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.)

Answer: There were three from each tribe. I believe that only seven tribes were represented in the "survey" team, though some believe that all the tribes were represented. I did consult Keil and Delitsch (Commentary on the Old Testament) and the interpretation there has the count at 21.

Joshua 18:1 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them. 2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance. 3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you? 4 **Give out from among you three men for each tribe:** and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me. 5 And **they shall**

divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north. 6 Ye shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and bring the description hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God. 7 But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them. 8 And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh. 9 And the men went and passed through the land, and **described it by cities into seven parts in a book**, and came again to Joshua to the host at Shiloh. 10 And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

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?

Answer: This combination was forbidden by Mosaic law

(Lev 19:19) "Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: **neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.**"

(Deu 22:11) "**Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together.**"

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."

Answer: The maximum penalty was forty stripes if a man was worthy of being beaten. Customary practice was to stop one short of the maximum number of blows in order to insure an inadvertant violation of the limit.

Deu 25:2 And it shall be, if the wicked man [be] worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number (3) "**Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed:** lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee."

9. Moses was saved in a floating basket (ark). Who else was saved in a basket?

Answer: Paul, the apostle who was formerly known as Saul. Luke's account is in Acts 9, and Paul's account is in 2 Cor. 11:33

(Acts 9:25) "Then the disciples took him by night, and **let him down by the wall in a basket.**"

(2 Cor 11:33) "And **through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall**, and escaped his hands."