



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## The Devil And The Duck

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner.

As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile, only to see his sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the

duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

Thought for the day and every day thereafter: Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done -- and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, debt, fear, hatred, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, etc.) whatever it is, you need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing, He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets. It is by God's Grace and Mercy that we are saved.

(Story is on the internet, author not known.)

Note: This story illustrates how much better it is to "come clean" and confess our sins. (Jer 31:34) "... for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Ken Thomas

### 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 26

1. What royal death would cause no lament, but would be characterized as the "burial" of a donkey, dragged outside a city?
2. What nation's military personnel was of the opinion that their loss of a battle was due to God's power being more on elevated places than in level areas?
3. What ex-prisoners defied a "gag order" and spoke in the temple where they were apprehended by a captain and officers?
4. What was the name of the first month of the Jewish year during the time of Moses? What was it called during the days of Esther?
5. What is the connection between "fearing God" and the length of a person's life?
6. Jeremiah urged Jews in Babylonian captivity to marry and have children. What do we know about his own wife and children?
7. What animal considers a certain metal as being like decayed timber?

## Answers 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.  
**Answers:** 1. **Ezekiel 6:3** And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.
2. **Ezekiel 36:4** Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about;
3. **Ezekiel 36:6** Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen:
4. **Micah 6:1** Hear ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2. Where do we find warnings about using measures that do not give full measure? Find at least three of the passages.  
**Answers:** 1. **Leviticus 19:35** Ye shall do no unrighteousness

in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. 36 **Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin**, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

2. Deuteronomy 25:13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. 14 Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. 15 **But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have:** that thy days may be lengthened . . .

3. Proverbs 11:1 - A **false balance** is abomination to the LORD: but a **just weight** is his delight.

4. Proverbs 16:11 A **just weight and balance** are the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag are his work.

5. Proverbs 20:10 **Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.**

6. Amos 8:4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, 5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, **making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?** 6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat? 7 The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

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.

**Answer: King So of Egypt.** He had been contacted by **Hoshea, King of Israel**, and this angered Shalmaneser of Assyria who not only disapproved of what looked like a potential rival alliance, but also had been neglected in the annual tribute (present) from Hoshea. **The king of Judah at the time Hoshea began his reign was Ahaz, and the king of Judah at the time Assyria besieged Samaria was Hezekiah, son of Ahaz**

Ken's note: "Nehushtan" in the passage below means "piece of brass". The brazen serpent had been the object that God used to bring healing to those bitten by serpents (Num. 21:8,9). It was now being worshipped. It was no longer a blessing to the people, but an object of idolatry. Misused, it was just another piece of metal.

(2 Ki 17:1-4) "In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. 3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents. 4 **And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for**

**he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison."**

(2 Ki 18:1-12) "Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. 3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did. 4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. 5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. 6 For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. 7 And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. 8 He smote the Philistines, even unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. 9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. 10 And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. 11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: 12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them."

**4.** Attention to (and continuance in) what two things was necessary for the salvation of Timothy and his audience?

**Answer: Timothy needed to give attention to his own life and to the doctrine (teaching).**

**1 Tim 4:16: Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them:** for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. You may notice that the word "doctrine", prefaced by the definite article "the", indicates a body of truth that was to be taught. The truth of God differs from the doctrines of men (plural). I shudder when I hear people who say they have no use for doctrine. It tells me that they have mistaken doctrines of men for the doctrine of Christ.

**1 Timothy 4:13** Till I come, **give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.** 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on

of the hands of the presbytery. 15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

**5.** 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 Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.**

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

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

June Francis shared this quote from Matthew Henry, available 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.

**6.** One house is described as being built of fir and cedar. What color was the bed in that house?

**Answer: Green.**

**Song of Solomon 1:1** The song of songs, which is Solomon's. . . 16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also **our bed is green.** 17 **The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.**

**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.

**Answer: All wore "gorgeous" clothing.** (Interestingly, the Greek words for the two Luke references are different: endoxos and lampros)

**(1) Ezekiel 23:12** She doted upon the Assyrians her neighbours, **captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously**, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

**(2) Luke 7:25** But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, **they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.**

**(3) Luke 23:11** And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a **gorgeous robe**, and sent him again to Pilate.

## 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 making progress. Anna Curl, a regular visitor here, has been in MTMC with respiratory problems. She is transferring to Stallworth for more aggressive treatment. 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 well. Kenny Thomas, a friend of "preacher Ken Thomas" has requested prayers for his former co-worker Tonya Jones, who has been diagnosed with melanoma. Ellie Graham broke her collarbone at soccer practice. Kristen Toops is still ailing.

Our congregation has lost a wonderful lady to death this past week. Sister **Vadna Trail** inspired us all with her faithful efforts to assemble with us even when the only way she could come was to be propped up so she could walk. Her smile was proverbial, and when told that we were glad she was "here", she said, "I'm glad to be 'anywhere'" I believe she is glad to be where she is as I type this. She has such a large family in this area that her influence will be felt for many years to come. Her daughters have been faithful to share responsibility to give her constant care, and three of them consider Beech Grove their home congregation. Our deepest sympathy to Donna Gordon, Wanda Miller, Sherry Trail, Sheila Muncy, Norma Harrell, and Audrey Carter, daughters, and their families. Sister Trail had been widowed from brother Leighton Trail since 1992, and even his influence is still felt around here. Let us all put our best efforts into encouraging the remainder of this family to heal from their loss and continue serving God and one another.

A side note: Grandson Andy Miller wanted to come home but could not get a flight out in

time from Japan. Write to encourage him if you will, please.

**Lumley Stand** congregation is hosting the Coffee County 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday singing today at 2:30 **Fredonia** has a meeting scheduled with Paul Parsley preaching. Evening services are at 7:00 today through Wednesday.

**East Main congregation in Murfreesboro** has scheduled Roy Sharp to speak this week, 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. 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	19	17	24	12	15	\$684
Apr	12	14	35	14	15	\$712
Apr	5	14	24	21	21	\$605
Mar	29	15	26	25	19	\$841

Assignments	April 26	May 3
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Steve Miller	Ken Thomas
Table service (center)	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
(center)	Wayne Gannon	Steve Miller
(outside)	Steve Miller	Junior Conner
(outside)	Joe Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	Daniel Green