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Some Problems Do Not Go Away

By Gerald Cowan

What do you expect to happen when you turn your problems over to God? You give Him your weakness and your despair, and you thank Him for being faithful even when you are not. You ask His pardon for your self-pity and your grumbling, and you know He has forgiven you for it. But what then? Are you sometimes disappointed to find that the problem is still there, and has not gone away?

It is still there – and you had such high hopes that it would miraculously vanish! Why did it not go away? Perhaps because God has not intended that it do so. Certainly God has not promised that our problems will vanish just because we pray for it to happen. What He does promise is that He will change our despair to hope, if we will trust Him. He promises us strength to bear the burden and cope with all our problems if we are determined to face them (see Phil. 4:13 and 19, and 1 Cor. 10:13).

If you have prayed about some problem and asked God to take it away and He has not done so, then you should probably accept the fact that He is not going to. You had best learn to live with the problem, live in spite of the problem.

Be like Paul who also begged God to remove a problem, a “thorn in the flesh,” but learned to accept it as part of his own cross (2 Cor. 12:7-9).

If your problem remains, then that is how God intends it to be, at least for now. Learn from it. You will be stronger and humbler. You will be a better and more faithful Christian if you learn to bear it patiently, without losing your faith or trust in God (see James 1:3, 12). Somehow, though we cannot always see it now, things have a way of working out to a good and successful conclusion for those who love the Lord and fulfill His purpose and calling in their lives (Rom. 8:28). You may not be able to see it now, with the pain and frustration clouding your vision. But keep the faith, and someday you can look back at it and thank God for the victory He helped you have on your journey to Him and His heaven.

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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)
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Questions for week of May 4

1. What did a sound in the top of trees have to do with initiation of an attack on the Philistines?
2. What should believers in God be careful to do?
3. What "man" is "inexcusable"?
4. We are told of a king who executed the slayers of his father, but spared their offspring due to a Mosaic law. Who was the king, and where is the law written that he was following?
5. What kind of treasures are of no genuine benefit?
6. What prophet spoke of a time in which the people would "feed" on adversity and "drink" affliction, but they would also experience the graciousness of God when they called on Him? Hint: In the same context the prophet asserts that their teachers would not be "put in a corner".
7. What two phrases did Isaiah expect that his son would NOT learn to say before an Assyrian raid of riches?

Answers for week of April 27

1. **What color is the wound that has a cleaning effect?**

Answer: Blue. Interestingly, the King James Version, Douay, and Webster were the only versions I found with this wording, though there may be others. The same Hebrew word from which this comes is also used in 6 other places in the KJV and is translated stripe, twice in Ex. 21:25; stripes, Isa. 53:5; bruises in Isa. 1:6; hurt, Gen. 4:23; wounds, twice in Psa. 38:5.

Strong's definition: properly bound (with stripes), that is, a weal (or black and blue mark itself): - blueness, bruise, hurt, stripe, wound.

Proverbs 20:30 - **The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil:** so do stripes the inward parts of

the belly. KJV

Compare: Stripes that wound cleanse away evil; And strokes 'reach' the innermost parts. ASV

Compare this to Hebrews 12:

(Heb 12:6-7) "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. {7} If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

(Heb 12:11) "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

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2. What word is used to describe those who hate being instructed and also disrespect wisdom?

Answer: Fool.

Prov 1:7 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but **fools despise wisdom and instruction.**"

These passages also contain some of the clues -

Pr 15:5 - **A fool despiseth his father's instruction:** but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

Pr 1:22 - How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scornors delight in their scorning, and **fools hate knowledge?**

Cf. Pro. 12:1; 13:1; Jer 17:23"

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3. Who was driving an ox cart when his fellow driver made a fatal error?

Answer: Ahio, son of Abinadab and the brother of Uzzah. Ahio means in Hebrew, 'brother' or 'brotherly', so some have concluded that this is not a proper name but simply refers to him as Uzzah's brother. Ahio's name is not a familiar word when compared to the more "notorious" Uzzah.

(2 Sam 6:1-13) "Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. {2} And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubim. {3} And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and **Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. {4} And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying**

the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. {5} And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. {6} And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. {7} And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. {8} And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day. {9} And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me? {10} So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite. {11} And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household. {12} And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness. {13} And it was so, that when **they that bare the ark** of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings."

(1 Chr 13:1-11) "And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. {2} And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and that it be of the LORD our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us: {3} And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we inquired not at it in the days of Saul. {4} And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. {5} So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjathjearim. {6} And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kirjathjearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth between the cherubims, whose name is

called on it. {7} And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart. {8} And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. {9} And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. {10} And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. {11} And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perezuzza to this day."

(1 Chr 15:11-16) "And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, {12} And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: **sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it.** {13} **For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us,** for that we sought him not after the due order. {14} So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. {15} **And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.** {16} And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy."

Commentary by Ken:

In 2 Samuel 6:13 we notice that a subdued David had decided to revert to the original practice of having the ark carried by poles borne by men on foot. (Ex. 25:13-14) "And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. {14} And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them." **The passage in 1 Chron. 15:13-15 shows clearly that he had learned the folly of departing from the authorized method of transporting the ark.**

*Wax questions. . . riddles or questions
based on the word "wax".*

4. What kind of people would give an increasingly bad wax job?

Answer: Evil people and "seducers". One can see that this use of the word "wax" actually relates to a developing growth, increasing of something, etc. Admittedly these questions are a play on this old word.

2 Tim. 3:13- But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse**, deceiving, and being deceived.

5. Why would love wax cold for many people?

Answer: Because of the growth of iniquity. When sin grew, the love of many people would grow cold. Matthew 24:12 - And **because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.**

6. Whose coming would cause mountainous regions to melt like wax? Two references are possible.

Answers: The presence of the Lord

Psalms 97:5- The **hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the LORD** of the whole earth.

Micah 1:3-4 For, behold, the **LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.** {4} And the **mountains shall be molten under him**, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

7. What sometimes waxes hot?

Multiple answers:

1. Sun

Exodus 16:21 - And they gathered it [manna] every morning, every man according to his eating: and when **the sun waxed hot**, it melted.

2. God's wrath/ anger

Exodus 22:24 - And **my wrath shall wax hot**, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless. . . Ex. 32:10

For the record:	04/07	04/13	04/20	04/27
Bible Study	19	22	16	23
AM Worship	27	27	26	27
PM Worship	24	19	28	26
Wed. Bible Study	15	18	14	17
Contribution	\$526	\$595	\$608	\$579

Now therefore let me alone, that **my wrath may wax hot against them**, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. 11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

3. The wrath of Moses

Exo 32:22 And Aaron said, **Let not the anger of my lord wax hot:** thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.

I think it is interesting that Moses did not understand why God was so angry . . . until he got back to the camp of Israel and witnessed what God had already seen. Then Moses also got angry!

Prayer Needs and Requests

Jackie Hafer's condition worsened last week and she went back to St. Thomas Hospital. Reportedly she is making some progress. Remember in prayer Arlin and Jerry Mesick, Jessie Pearl Green's brothers, Robert Gannon, Wayne's brother, and Lady Ruth Reed, Ann and Charlene's sister. Continue to pray for sister Singleton at home and William Miller at NHC.

Drew Thomas returned safely to his home in Mt. Juliet and will be in the US for a while.

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

Meeting May 4-7, Fredonia, 7 PM, Richard Bowman. . . Singing May 9 - Riverdale/ 7 PM

Assignments	May 4	May 11
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Nick Graham	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Daniel Green	Wayne Gannon
(outside)	Junior Conner	Andy Miller
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	James Mason
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		