



Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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Myself

I have to live with myself and so I want to be fit for myself to know:
I want to be able, as the days go by, Always to look myself straight in the eye.
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun, And hate myself for the things I've done.

I don't want to keep on a closet shelf A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself as I go Into thinking that nobody else will know.
The kind of man I really am; I don't want to dress myself up in sham.

I want to go out with my head erect; I want to deserve all men's respect,
But here in the struggle for fame and pelf, I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to think that as I come and go, That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.

I never can hide myself from me; I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know. I never can fool myself—and so
Whatever happens, I want to be Self-respecting and conscience free.

- Edgar A. Guest (Out of My Treasure)
via The Encourager Calvert City (KY) church of Christ

Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM

Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM
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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)
by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of May 25

1. What Old Testament prophet speaks in one verse of a God in the midst of Jerusalem with might, a God of salvation, love, and rejoicing in song?
2. Where are destruction and fulfillment contrasted?
3. Who had several children in hopes that her husband would overcome his hatred for her and that he would eventually love her?
4. What "non-English" word was said as part of a healing of one who could not hear and also who could not talk plainly? And how is it translated?
5. For what reason were people sometimes carried in their beds and laid in the street?
6. What TOWN is associated with the ascension of Jesus?
7. Name three activities, all listed in one verse, that will cause a person to be poor and not have anything but ragged clothing?

Answers for week of May 18

1. What two subjects, attributes of God, did a singer propose using for the theme of his "pre-noontime" loud singing?
Answer: **Power and mercy.** Mercy in particular because of the emphasis on "aloud". And how can anyone question my description of "morning" as "pre-noontime"?
Psalm 59:16 - **But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning:** for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.
2. What three occasions are associated with Jesus' weeping?
Answers:
1. When he saw the City of Jerusalem, he wept over it because of the ruin that would befall it.
Luke 19:41 - And when he was come near, **he beheld the city, and wept over it,**
2. He was moved to tears when he came to the tomb of Lazarus, after he saw the grief of Mary,

Martha and the Jews who were with them.

John 11:35 - **Jesus wept.**

3. In Gethsemene: Hebrews 5:7, [Christ] **in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears** unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;" (Mat 26:38-39) "Then saith he unto them, **My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death:** tarry ye here, and watch with me. {39} And he went a little farther, and **fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."**

3. What prophet praised God for raising a horn? and what kind of horn was it?

Answer: **1. Zecharias 2. Horn of salvation**

The father of John (the baptizer!), **Zacharias praised God for raising a "horn of salvation" to his people** as he announced the role of John as the one who would prepare the way of the Lord. (Luke 1:67-79) "And his father **Zacharias** was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, {68} **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;** for he hath visited and redeemed his people, {69} And **hath raised up an horn of salvation for us** in the house of his servant David; {70} As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: {71} That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; {72} To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; {73} The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, {74} That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, {75} In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. {76} And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; {77} To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, {78} Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, {79} To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the

way of peace."

When I first studied this "horn" I thought of it as being a symbol of the heralding of Christ's coming and the salvation He brought to us.. However, further consideration makes me believe that the "horn" represents the might and power of Christ over sin and our enemy Satan, as an ox horn that would destroy the enemy.

(2 Sam 22:1-4) "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."

4. Who was named at birth by neighbors and relatives for his daddy, but the mother overruled and the father agreed?

Answer: **John** was expected to be called Zacharias, but Elizabeth said his name was John, and Zacharias broke out of his mute condition after confirming the name by writing.

(Luke 1:57-64) "Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. {58} And her **neighbours and her cousins** heard how the Lord had showed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. {59} And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and **they called him Zacharias**, after the name of his father. {60} And **his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John.** {61} And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. {62} And they made signs to **his father**, how he would have him called. {63} And he **asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John.** And they marvelled all. {64} And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God."

5. The Bible has several references to rolling stones, but where do you find a warning of a danger

involved in rolling a stone?

Answer: **Proverbs 26:27**

If a man digs a pit, he will fall into it; if a man rolls a stone, it will roll back on him.

The pit and the stone in Proverbs 26 represent traps or snares that we set for others that we end up in ourselves.

Another example is the gallows that Haman had built for Mordecai (Esther 5) and ends up hanging on himself (Esther 7).

Added ideas

1. "What goes around, comes around"

2. When we take on more than we can handle, we will "crushed" by it.

3. Adam Clarke: it is when the punishment intended for the innocent is inflicted on the guilty.

6. What abominable sin (which stirs up strife) will not be "suffered" by the Lord.

Answer: **Pride**, especially as related to slander, sowing discord

(Psa 101:5) "Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: **him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.**"

(Prov 6:16-17) "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: {17} **A proud look**, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,"

(Prov 28:25) "He that is of a **proud heart stirreth up strife**: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat."

7. According to 2 Tim 2:24 the Lord's servant must NOT strive, but in other contexts they did so. In what areas of life is striving commendable? "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,"

Answer: This one was designed to show the great scope of our striving. (2 Tim 2:22-26) "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. {23} But **foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.** {24} And the **servant of the Lord must not strive**; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, {25} In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will

give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; {26} And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

The striving forbidden in 2 Tim. 2:24 is a quarrelsome approach to others. The approach commended here is gentle and skilled teaching, presented meekly to those who not only oppose God's people but also oppose themselves. The captives of Satan are in a trap, and those who teach the truth need to be effective in helping them to repent. The striving (quarrelsome) approach is better suited to drive people farther into their error.

But now, look at **the strife (fight) in which we are urged to participate** These passages give further insight into the many uses of the words that are translated "strife" or "strive".

Luke 13:24 - **Strive to enter in at the strait gate:** for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Romans 15:30 - Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye **strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;**

2 Timothy 2:5 - And if a man also **strive for masteries**, yet is he not crowned, except he **strive lawfully.**

Heb. 12:4--Strive against sin.

Philippians 1:27- Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, **with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

Colossians 1:29 - Whereunto **I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.** [This refers to Paul's

For the record:	04/27	05/04	05/11	05/18
Bible Study	23	22	16	20
AM Worship	27	31	25	25
PM Worship	26	28	22	28
Wed. Bible Study	17	19	18	15
Contribution	\$579	\$725	\$551	\$660

diligence to make known the "riches of the glory of Christ", preaching, warning, teaching wisely, and presenting spiritually mature people to Christ. KLT]

I Cor. 9:25 - We are to **strive to win an incorruptible crown**

I don't see the words used by the other authors, only Paul. Could it be that Paul saw his Christian walk as more of a struggle than the others did?

Beech Grove News and Prayer Requests

Sister Hafer had to return to the hospital this week. . .MRSA again. Wayne Cannon's brother, Robert, has been given only hours to live as of Saturday. Melissa Dickerson is still fighting MRSA in the bones. Remember sister Green's brothers, William Miller, Laura Singleton, Donna Gordon, surgery, Ann Conner, Lady Reed.

Our lone senior Heather Waldron gave a delightful and enthusiastic salutatory address at the CCCHS graduation. (Both stands were packed at the football stadium, and several people walked from the Co-op, crossing the interstate over the bridge to get there.) We will be honoring Heather with a common meal together after we worship today.

We have had several visitors lately, some coming several miles to be here. We always are glad to have visitors, and all need to make them feel at home.

Assignments	May 25	June 1
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Cannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Steve Miller	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Nick Graham	Steve Miller
(outside)	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
(outside)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Andy Miller	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		