



## *Beech Grove Church of Christ*

meeting at Beech Grove, TN since 1875

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### “Farther Along”

The story is told of a farmer in a Midwestern state who had a strong disdain for "religious" things. As he plowed his field on Sunday morning, he would shake his fist at the church people who passed by on their way to worship.

October came and the farmer had his finest crop ever, the best in the entire county.

When the harvest was complete, he placed an advertisement in the local paper which belittled the Christians for their faith in God. Near the end of his diatribe he wrote, "Faith in God must not mean much if someone like me can prosper."

The response from the Christians in the community was quiet and polite. In the next edition of the town paper, a small ad appeared. It read simply, "God doesn't always settle His accounts in October." (selected)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

2 Corinthians 5:10,11

#### **Sunday Schedule**

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM
<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

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## Questions for week of June 3, 2007

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1. What king erected 21 altars, seven at a time, on which to offer a bullock and ram in an effort to convince God to curse Israel?
2. What elevated sites were used on which to build those altars?
3. What tribe of Israel had 26,700 warriors against the rest of Israel's 400,000 men, and killed 40,000 in two days? (Their army lost 25, 100 men in the third day due to an ambush.) You will have to "do the math" to check the totals.
4. What tribe had 700 left-handed stone slingers in their army?
5. The New Testament (1 Tim. 4:3) speaks of an apostasy in which some would command people to abstain from eating meat. Eating meats offered to idols was questioned in the early church. The next few questions will explore the history of meat-eating. What was the solution offered for controversy over the issue of eating flesh and eating "herbs" only?
6. What statement from God indicates that God gave flesh to Noah to eat?
7. What kind of meat did Abraham offer his three visitors?

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## Answers for week of May 27, 2007

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1. Describe the enduring nature of Jerusalem's backsliding.  
Answer: Perpetually holding fast to deceit and refusing to return  
(Jer 8:4-6) "Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? {5} Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. {6} I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle."  
(Jer 3:6) "The LORD said also unto me in the

days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot."

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2. To what female animal was backslidden Israel compared?  
Answer: Heifer  
(Hosea 4:16) "For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place."

3. Where is backsliding treated as a disease needing healing?  
Answer: Hosea and Jeremiah  
(Hosea 14:4) "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him."  
(Jer 3:21-22) "A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the LORD their God. {22} Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God."

4. Some will walk and some will fall. . . in what?  
Answer: In the (right) ways of the Lord.  
(Hosea 14:9) "Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein."

5. What liberty does the Christian widow have?  
Answer: Freedom to marry the person of her choosing, but only "in the Lord."  
(1 Cor 7:39-40) "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord. {40} But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God."

Her remarriage must be in harmony with the teachings of the Lord, thus she must marry only someone who is free to marry in the Lord's sight. Some believe this means she should only marry another Christian.

It seems that the unmarried widow would have more time to serve the Lord than if she remarries, but undoubtedly remarriage is an option. (1 Tim 5:5) "Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day."

**6.** Where do we read of drunken arrows and flesh-eating swords?

Answer: verse 42 of Deuteronomy 32

(Deu 32:39-43) "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. {40} For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. {41} If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. {42} I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. {43} Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people."

Someone commented "Moses describes his song thus, "May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb" (32.2)! If that's gentle, I'd hate to see severe, wouldn't you?"

**7.** The mountain from which Moses viewed the promised land, as well as the valley in which he was buried, is in what country?

Answer: Moab (Now Jordan)

(Deu 32:48-52) "And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, {49} Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto

the children of Israel for a possession: {50} And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: {51} Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. {52} Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel." (Deu 34:1-6 ) "And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, {2} And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, {3} And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar. {4} And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. {5} So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. {6} And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day."

Found on the internet: Mount Nebo is a prominent peak of the Abarim Range that parallels the eastern shore of the Dead Sea (Deut 32:49; 34:1). This line of mountains is also referred to as Pisgah (Deut 3:17, 27; 4:49; Josh 12:3; 13:20). Mount Nebo rises 2700 feet above sea level. The drop down to the Dead Sea at 1300 feet below sea level measures some 4,000 feet. Pisgah also refers to a particular peak associated with Mount Nebo (Deut 34:1). This ridge protrudes farther west than other peaks in the range, thus offering a magnificent view of the land beyond the Jordan Valley to the west. From this point one can see as far north as Mount Hermon and Galilee, across the Jordan River to the regions of Judea and Samaria, and as far west as the Mediterranean Sea.

[http://www.ancientsandals.com/pictures/mount\\_nebo.htm](http://www.ancientsandals.com/pictures/mount_nebo.htm)

Pictures at

<http://www.jordanjubilee.com/gallery/photosds.htm>

Assignments	June 3	June 10
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	Mason Fisher
Table service (center)	Mason Fisher	Joe Green
(center)	Cole Gordon	Nick Graham
(outside)	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
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Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	Lee Rose

## Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Kimberley Bryant had to go back to Baptist Hospital last Sunday to repair a break in the original repair/ aorta replacement. The surgery seems to have gone well and she was placed in a regular hospital room later in the week. Please remember our current sick and shut-ins in your prayers, visits, cards and calls. Jessie Pearl Green, Laura Singleton, Vadna Trail, the Junior Conner family, Iva Rose, William Miller at NHC, Wayne Gannon's brother Robert, and Wesley Cardwell.

Reminder: Our **Gospel Meeting** is planned for July 22-25 with John Bush.

### Tempted and Tried. . . Continued

In the next column one version of an old song appears. In our lesson today we will consider some of the thoughts expressed here. Are they scriptural? Is it right for Christians to complain about the lot of "the wicked" in this life? Are our situations actually worse than theirs?

Sometimes it seems that we whine even when things are pretty good. How are we different from the ancient people of Israel?

1. Tempted and tried, we're oft made to wonder  
Why it should be thus all the day long;  
While there are others living about us,  
Never molested, though in the wrong.  
\* Refrain:  
Farther along we'll know more about it,  
Farther along we'll understand why;  
Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine,  
We'll understand it all by and by.
2. Sometimes I wonder why I must suffer,  
Go in the rain, the cold, and the snow,  
When there are many living in comfort,  
Giving no heed to all I can do.
3. Tempted and tried, how often we question  
Why we must suffer year after year,  
Being accused by those of our loved ones,  
E'en though we've walked in God's holy fear.
4. Often when death has taken our loved ones,  
Leaving our home so lone and so drear,  
Then do we wonder why others prosper,  
Living so wicked year after year.
5. "Faithful till death," saith our loving Master;  
Short is our time to labor and wait;  
Then will our toiling seem to be nothing,  
When we shall pass the heavenly gate.
6. Soon we will see our dear, loving Savior,  
Hear the last trumpet sound through the sky;  
Then we will meet those gone on before us,  
Then we shall know and understand why.

### Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Contrib.	Wed.
04/22	15	31	14	\$514.25	15
04/29	14	25	14	\$515.00	15
05/06	11	25	25	\$450.65	19
05/13	24	37	20	\$570.00	16
05/20	25	33	23	\$598.25	18
05/27	18				