

	June 4	June 11
Song leader (SS)	T.J. Waldron	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron
Songleader - Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Wayne Gannon	Junior Conner
Opening prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Joe Green
(center)	T.J. Waldron	TJ Waldron
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	Ken Lewis	Ken Lewis
Closing Prayer	Mason Fisher	Wayne Gannon

Beech Grove News:

Jesse Lewis got a bite last week on his lip and was not able to come to services. Nicki Graham was sick last Sunday. Junior Conner has been in MTMC this week with pneumonia. He has improved, but was still hospitalized as of Saturday. Ann's treatment for MS has begun. Charlene Brandon was sick in the midweek. James Mason's cuts suffered during his fall are healing. Please continue to keep Laura, Iva, Vadna, and others in our prayers.

Welcome to Rosemary Messick who has been attending regularly for several services.

Stephanie Floyd is back at Freed-Hardeman for a summer session. She just finished a school related work experience in Florida.

Meetings: A gospel meeting begins today at Gnat Hill congregation today with Daniel Hayes preaching.

New Union has Bob Kerce scheduled for a Bible study series through Wednesday, 7:00 weeknights.

"Empire" (Cont. From front)

He touches men in their most vulnerable spot and during their weakest moments. Jesus said, "broad is the way to destruction, and there are many who go in by it" (Matthew 7:13).

Satan offered Eve the incomparable promise to "be like God" if she would eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 3:1-5). Instead, she found tears, shame, banishment, pain, and death. Recorded for mankind

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
05/07	14	34	30	\$517	14
05/14	22	32	21	\$769	21
05/21	14	24	29	\$363	23
05/28	12	26	26	\$773	19
Goals	25	45	36		35

is Satan's first great lie. Yet, men have consistently ignored this warning ever since.

Satan offers sexual freedom and the ultimate pleasure and instead delivers disease, death, and dashed dreams. He flashes financial prosperity and delivers poverty and suicide. His bag of tricks contains bright colors and shiny objects that tarnish with the using. His path is littered with the carcasses of individual lives, dreams, and families. Yet, Satan is lauded as the man with the plan by millions. No greater con man ever existed.

Satan's greatest lie is to convince men that he is fictitious. This allows him to control their lives without them realizing it. He can pull their strings as a grand puppet master and they will think they are dancing solo. What is not of God is of Satan. People scoff at this notion. No one, they insist, is telling them what to do. Yet, they are deluded in their denial.

Satan, though, is not all powerful (Job 1:6-12; Revelation 6:8). James says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). While he is stalking the earth seeking victims to pull away from God, we can stand firm against him and his evil lies (1 Peter 5:8,9).

Satan will indeed let us down and cause us pain. He has nothing to offer, while Jesus offers abundant life (John 10:10), redemption from sin (Romans 5:8,9), the peace "that surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7), and eternal life in heaven (John 14:1-6; Matthew 25:46). There is no question which deal is better.

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Satan's Empire of Dirt

Satan offers nothing while Jesus offers only blessings.

You could have it all, My empire of dirt.
I will let you down, I will make you hurt.
- "Hurt" by Johnny Cash

Satan tempted Jesus in order to destroy his mission. "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1, NKJV). Jesus fasted for forty days and nights. Afterward, Satan came and offered three challenges to him.

First, Satan came to the starving Jesus and asked him to change stones to bread. Jesus refused and said, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

Second, Satan told him to jump off the pinnacle of the temple because the angels would save him from harm. Jesus answered, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God'" (Matthew 4:7).

Third, Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth if he would bow down and worship him. Jesus said, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve'" (Matthew 4:10).

Satan is the "father of lies" (John 8:44) and the "ruler of this world" (John 14:30). He has nothing to offer except an empire of dirt and an eternal life in hell (Matthew 25:46).

He promises pleasure and delivers pain. He promises success and delivers sadness. His lies are powerful and piercing. (Continued back page)



Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

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Visitors

Always

Welcome



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of June 4, 2006

1. How can the things we say be a "minister of grace"?
2. What were the circumstances that had caused people to mortgage their real estate and go in debt to pay their "royal taxes"?
3. What men of Ephrath married Moabite women?
4. If I am a friend of the world, what else am I?
5. If will do something in the Lord's sight, he will elevate us. What is that "something" we must do? The verse will specifically relate these conditions.
6. Many passages in the Bible refer to military hostilities between men, but the Lord can bring them to an end. In one passage He is pictured as destroying specific weapons and the means of transportation for warriors. Find the appropriate passage and show how it fits the question.
7. Who would destroy (by conflagration) so many weapons over a span of years that they would need no firewood from woodlands? (wood* = would :)

Answers for week of May 28, 2006

1. What tiring practice is associated with a product that is produced "without end"?
Answer: Much study. Many books are made, and much study certainly is tiring.
(Eccl 12:1) And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
Another answer: The tiring practice is weeping or crying

(Ps 69:3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.)

The product of weeping that is produced without end is 'tears' (Jer.14:17 Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.)

2. If God were desirous of food, why would he not inform his people of that? Find a reference in Psalms.

Answer: Because the world is His and the fulness found in it (i.e. He already has all the food!) What we have is given to us by God, so He does not need what we have.

Nevertheless He has given the privilege of returning a portion of our means to support the spread of His cause and the preaching of the gospel. We need the blessing of that giving. He wants US, not only what we have.

Psalm 50:12 - "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof."

3. Pasture lands are dressed, and God covers the low lands between the hills (which seem happy!). What two kinds of covering are provided by the Lord?

Answer: The pastures are clothed with flocks and the valleys with corn (grain).

What a beautiful passage describing the rich provision of God, Ps 65:9-13

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. 10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy

paths drop fatness. 12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side. 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

4. Find three doors mentioned in the early part of Revelation.

Answers: 1. Door opened for the church in Philadelphia which no man could shut. 2. Door upon which Jesus knocks, asking entrance and eat with the one inside. 3. Door in heaven through which John heard an invitation to come up and see things that would happen later.

Rev 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

5. How are the tools of one who cuts wood compared to common attitudes of rebellion and boastfulness?

Answer: Ax and saw against their user.

Isa 10:15 "Shall the ax boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood."

Judah had so treated God.

One quiz participant observed: "How foolish it

seems for the tools being used by the 'maker' to hold themselves higher than the one who uses them. The tools are nothing without the hand of the maker."

6. According to an Old Testament prophet, what is said about the righteousness which was formerly done by a person who has since turned away from it and become wicked?

Answer: His former righteousness will not be mentioned (i.e. it will not count for anything).

Ezekiel 18:24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

Ezekiel asserts that the one that sins is the one that will die for it. (i.e. we aren't punished for what our fathers - or our children - do, but for what we do) - v.4-24. God is not unfair but very fair in judging each of us by our own actions (v.25-29). What the Israelites needed to do was to repent and live (v.30-32).

7. What fruit was used in the proverbial argument of an Israelite when he wanted to prove the idea that a child inherits his daddy's sin, and what does the prophet say that the Lord thought of that argument?

Answer: sour grapes. The prophet says the people will no longer use that proverb.

Ezek. 18:1 The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying, 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? 3 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.