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The Predators

by Ken Thomas

1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour - - - - - 2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

No, this is not an article about Nashville's professional hockey team. It is about people who prey on other people to take advantage of them. They may be out to invade your privacy in order to defraud you, or even worse to hurt you physically.

Some of them will use the telephone with cleverly devised questions to get you to give out your identifying information such as birthdate, social security numbers, or bank account numbers. Some use the internet, setting up website that is a copy of the sites of financial institutions and sending out e-mails that indicate that your account has been tampered with and they need to have you send them correct information to fix the problem. Legitimate financial institutions with which you do business already have your essential information and do not use these insecure means of verifying their records.

Some of the worst dangers online are the social network sites which link friends, family, and those who say they "want to be your friend." The idea seems great, to be able to share thoughts and ideas, pictures and music, with those you know. But if you are into this kind of activity, you need to know the dangers and perhaps look at the information you are allowing the public to see. It is possible for people who are looking for teenagers for sexual contact, or even rape and murder (or older people

for fraud), to break the "privacy barrier" and portray themselves as a friend. Here is a helpful website where you can verify these facts and learn how to protect yourself and your family

<http://www.komando.com/myspace/>

The site introduces itself thus: *Kids love the social-networking Web site MySpace.com. But far too often, their profiles disclose too much personal information. See if your child can spot 10 safety problems in the sample MySpace page below.*

Though I do not like Kim Komando's self-promotions as *your digital goddess*, I have found her advice about computer usage to be second-to-none. What she says about "My Space" is true to a degree about all social networking sites such as "Facebook" or even a personal website such as I have. Sometimes we give out too much information and put ourselves in danger. According to Komando, *My Space* has 180 million profiles. Forrester Research Inc. says 80 per cent of 12-17-year-olds use MySpace at least once a week..

<http://komando.com/kids/tip.aspx?id=1082>

<http://komando.com/kids/tip.aspx?id=3627>

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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)
by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of June 8

1. We've all probably experienced chapped lips. But what causes chapped earth?
2. What desire did Satan have (according to a statement by the Lord)?
3. What animal is described as hard-hearted?
4. What nation was referred to as an iron furnace? (At least three references are possible.)
5. What is the probable consequence to a friendship if someone advertises a wrong that someone has done?
6. In two different books of the Bible, blind people are told to "hold" something. One of them is named. Who is he, and what was he told to hold?
7. What king, wearing borrowed clothing, was killed by a Syrian bowman's random shot? His own king had commanded chariot captains to spare all soldiers of Israel, and to attack only the king.

Answers for week of June 1

1. Who judges that what he does is always right (even when the Lord knows better)?
Answer: A man. More to the point, a fool
Proverbs 21:2 - **Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.**
Prov 12:15 **The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.**
2. What two instances of agricultural arson are found in the Bible?
Answer: Absalom's servants set Joab's barley field on fire, and Samson used foxes to spread fire into the grainfields, vineyards, and olive groves of the Philistines. (Samson burned Philistine crops because his father-in-law, who was Philistine, gave his wife to someone else. Absalom had his servants burn up Joab's field because he would not come when he called for him.)

2 Samuel 14: 29 Therefore **Absalom** sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come. 30Therefore he **said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire.**

Judges 15: 4 And **Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.** 5And when he had set the brands on fire, **he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.**

Other related passages:

(Joel 1:19) "O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field."

There was a law requiring restitution from those who were responsible for fires destroying neighbor's fields.

(Exo 22:6) "If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed therewith; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution."

3. In most areas of activity we think of God as doing things "instantly", etc. But one area stands out in which our maker is said to be slow. What is that area? (I found six passages that answer the question!)

Answer: Anger. We should be grateful that our creator is slow to anger.

(Neh 9:17) "And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art **a God** ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, **slow to anger**, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not."

(Psa 103:8) "**The LORD** is merciful and gracious, **slow to anger**, and plenteous in mercy."

(Psa 145:8) "**The LORD** is gracious, and full of compassion; **slow to anger**, and of great mercy."

(Joel 2:13) "And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto **the LORD your God**: for he is gracious and merciful, **slow to anger**, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil."

(Jonah 4:2) "And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that **thou art a gracious God**, and merciful, **slow to anger**, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil."

(Nahum 1:3) "The **LORD is slow to anger**, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet."

Barry Cowan found three more references in the translation he used. In the following references the words "slow to anger" are parallel to "longsuffering" in the KJV. This leads me to believe that the "longsuffering" passages of the Bible would add even more verses to our list.

Exodus 34:6; Numbers 14:18; Psalm 86:15.

Also.....His anger lasts only a moment...

(Psa 30:4-5) "Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. {5} For **his anger endureth but a moment**; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

4. Find those things in which the Psalmist wanted speedy action from God.

Answer: Hear, answer, and deliver

When he is downcast, in trouble, needing deliverance, etc., he wants God to hear his pleas and respond with immediate help.

"**Hear me speedily, O LORD**: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit." (Psa 143:7)

".....for I am in trouble: **hear me speedily**" (Psa. 69:17).

"Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day **when I call answer me speedily**." (Psa 102:2)

"Bow down thine ear to me; **deliver me speedily**: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me" (Psa. 31:2).

Other passages desiring haste in God's response are: (Psa 38:22)"**Make haste to help me, O Lord** my salvation." (Psa 40:13) "Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, **make haste to help me**." (Psa 40:17) "But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: **thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God**." (Psa 22:19) "But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, **haste thee to help me**." (Psa 70:1)

. . . **Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD**." (Psa 70:5) "But I am poor and needy: **make haste unto me, O God**: thou art my help and my deliverer; **O LORD, make no tarrying**." (Psa 71:12) "O God, be not far from me: O my **God, make haste for my help**." (Psa 141:1)

" . . . LORD, I cry unto thee: **make haste unto me**; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee."

5. When plans were discussed for Israel's taking over the "promised land" what reason was given for God not driving other people out of that land suddenly?

Answer: If the inhabitants of Canaan were purged too quickly, the Israelites would not be able to develop the land quickly enough to keep wild animals from taking over.

(Exo 23:28-30) "And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. {29} **I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee**. {30} By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land."

(Deu 7:22-24) "And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: **thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee**. {23} But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed. {24} And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy

their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them."

6. What very short passage speaks of a hungering and thirsting soul?

Answer: (Psa 107:5) "Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them."

7. At least four different substances are mentioned as being bottled in scripture. What are they?

Answers -

1. Water - Gen 21:14-15, 19 {14} "And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a **bottle of water**, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba."

2. Wine - (Josh 9:4) "They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and **wine bottles**, old, and rent, and bound up;" (1 Sam 1:24; 10:3; 16:20; 2 Sam 16:1; Jer 13:12; Mat 9:17; Mark 2:22; Luke

5:37-38; 1 Samuel 25:18; Hosea 7:5)

3. Milk - (Judg 4:19) "And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a **bottle of milk**, and gave him drink, and covered him."

4. Tears - (Psa 56:8) "Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my **tears into thy bottle**: are they not in thy book?"

Welcome Visitors!

For the record:	05/11	05/18	05/25	06/01
Bible Study	16	20	18	22
AM Worship	25	25	31	28
PM Worship	22	28	30	22
Wed. Bible Study	18	15	21	22
Contribution	\$551	\$660	\$766	\$708

Beech Grove News and Prayer Requests

Kim Bryant, Junior's daughter is now back at home and doing better. Melissa Dickerson is still fighting MRSA .. Remember sister Green's brothers, Arlin and Jerry Mesick who have cancer. William Miller at NHC (on dialysis), Laura Singleton (shut-in at home). Donna Gordon has had difficulty with her foot surgery. Lady Ruth Reed still needs our prayers.

Wednesday night we are expecting Carl Walker to visit us. Brother Walker is an old acquaintance of Ken, and recently has been very active in the Philippines doing mission work. He has preached in Quitman, Georgia for about 30 years. He is a former president of Georgia Christian School, and has authored *Cancer Can Be Fun*, a book about his personal bout with cancer.

It's not too early to remind ourselves and our neighbors:

**Gospel Meeting
July 27 - 30, 2008**

**Visiting Preacher:
Darrell Blankenship**

**Sunday morning at
regular times, night
services at 7:30**



Assignments	June 8	June 15
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Daniel Green	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Andy Miller	Steve Miller
(outside)	Wayne Gannon	Joe Green
Closing Prayer	James Mason	T J Waldron
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		