



June 22, 2008

Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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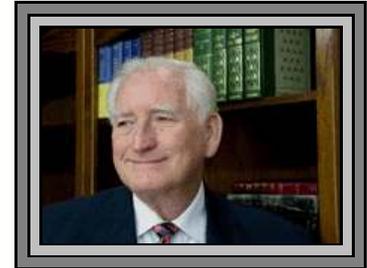
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Guest Speaker Next Sunday Morning



Don Humphrey, who recently moved to Mt. Juliet, has graciously consented to be with the church here next Sunday morning. Brother Humphrey is a graduate of Harding University with a masters degree in Communications from the University of Northern Colorado, is a long-time minister for the churches of Christ and author of many books and tracts, including the evangelistic "Hearts on Fire" and "You Can Have A New Life". In 1971 he started a publishing company, Christian Communications, with a major emphasis on evangelism..

Eventually, the Gospel Advocate publishing company bought Christian Communications and the right to reproduce all their former products. Don became Vice President of the Gospel Advocate, and his wife Sandra became the editor of Christian Woman magazine. After leaving GA and returning to full-time preaching out west, he and Sandra have moved to Middle Tennessee. His current project is a video, "The Missing Peace", designed to help you start the conversation that could change the lives of your acquaintances forever!

Brother Humphrey will be teaching a combined adult-teen class at 10 AM, and we urge everyone to make a special effort to be here for that class as well as the 11 AM service. (Ken Thomas will be away in a gospel meeting in Evansville, IN.)

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 22 ("Paths")

- 1.. It is said that the sea lanes were discovered after Matthew Fontaine Maury heard this passage read: (Psa 8:8) "The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas." Find another passage which has this idea in it.
2. Where are the paths of those who are forgetful of God compared to the withering of a water plant?
3. In what path does God lead us?
4. What kind (shape) of path is followed by those in a hurry to do evil and kill innocent people?
5. What shape was the pathway John made for Jesus?
6. What kind of path is recommended to promote the healing of the crippled?
7. In a single chapter, over a span of only thirteen verses, the word "path" is used SEVEN TIMES (KJV). For this question list the seven uses of the word, with descriptive terms and references for each.

Answers for week of June 15

1. What prophet of God rebuked the children of Israel for making captives of 200,000 women and children from Judah, intending to enslave them?
Answer: Oded
2 Chronicles 28:8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto heaven. 10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: but are there not with you, even with you, sins

against the LORD your God? 11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you. 12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war, 13 And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the LORD already, ye intend to add more to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel. 14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.

2. What two different animals are described as having ferocity (fierceness) ?

Answer: Lions and horses . . . and "evening wolves". Fierce anger is sometimes ascribed to man, and even more often to God, but the question was looking for what we usually call "lower animals". We also know of other animals named in the Bible that are fierce. For example, the leopard is not called fierce, but swift! (See Hab. 1:8 below.)

LIONS - Job 4:10 - "The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken."

Job 10:16 - ". . . Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: Job 28:8 - "The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it."

HORSES of the Chaldeans - Hab. 1:8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.

Job 39:19 - Hast thou given the horse strength? Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? . . . 24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.

War horses of the Chaldeans were not deterred even by the sound or presence of a lion,

according to Adam Clarke.

LEVIATHAN - of leviathan - (Job 41:10) "None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?"

3. What kind of animals (created by God) are acceptable as food for God's people if they (the animals used for food) are set apart prayerfully and received thankfully? The passage where this is found also emphasizes the fact that God's word is involved in making the food "holy".

Answer: Every kind of animal (every creature).

Note: as a person with Jewish roots, Peter was unaware that the prohibited meats were allowed until God showed him the vision in Acts 10.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Acts 10: 9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: 10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, 11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: 12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. 13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. 14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. 15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. 16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

4. Jesus spoke of improper dishwashing in Matthew

23. In another context, who spoke of the habits of a man wiping a dish?

Answer: The Lord said it "by his servants the prophets" in 2 Kings 21:10-13.

2 Kings 21: 9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying, 11 Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: 12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. 14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; 15 Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day. 16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead. 19 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

As for what Jesus said, here is the passage referenced and a parallel account in Luke:

(Mat 23:25-26) "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the

outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. {26} Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also."

(Luke 11:39) "And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness."

5. What kind of addiction is commended in the Bible?

Answer: "addiction to serving the saints."

I Cor. 16:15: "I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephan as, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)..."

Barnes Commentary states, [That they have addicted themselves ...] That they have devoted themselves to the service of Christians. That is, by aiding the ministry; by showing hospitality; by providing for their needs; by attending and aiding the apostles in their journeys, etc."

6. Where is an aggressive sheep which picks on the weaker sheep described, as a picture of the oppression of God's people and their need for being saved by God?

Answer: Ezekiel 34:17-31, esp. vs. 21. God identifies these sheep as representing men, and himself as the owner of the sheep in verses 22 and 31. The context proves that the livestock (cattle) are of the sheep kind, and represent strong men attacking the weak.

7. A man of God was mistakenly mis-identified as an Egyptian who led a huge gang of murderers. Who is he, and what is the reference?

Answer: Paul, after his arrest. The chief captain

For the record:	05/25	06/01	06/08	06/15
Bible Study	18	22	18	17
AM Worship	31	28	26	28
PM Worship	30	22	18	25
Wed. Bible Study	21	22	29	21
Contribution	\$766	\$728	\$487	\$663

asked if he spoke Greek, and then asked if he were not "that Egyptian . . .?"

Acts 21:17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly... .37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek? 38 Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

Beech Grove News and Prayer Requests

Remember in prayer: Kim Bryant (blood clot), Melissa Dickerson (MRSA), sister Green's brother Jerry Messick (cancer), William Miller at NHC (on dialysis), Laura Singleton (shut-in at home). Donna Gordon (recovering from foot surgery, Lady Ruth Reed (cancer) **Laura Singleton's son Tony has an aneurism as well as a growth on the brain. Her sister, Shirley Payne passed away on Friday and the memorial service will be at Hermitage Funeral Home in Old Hickory, TN. Laura's youngest brother was going in the hospital on Friday due to a heart condition. Let's all remember to pray for the Singletons and assist as much as possible in this troubled time.**

Next Sunday the night service will consist of Bible readings, prayers, and singing.

Beech Grove Gospel Meeting - July 27 - 30
Darrell Blankenship, evangelist
Sunday morning at regular times,
Night services at 7:30

Assignments	June 22	June 29
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	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Steve Miller
(center)	Daniel Green	Tim Waldron
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
(outside)	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		