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Only God Is Great

by J. Randal Matheny

So many celebrities have died recently, one is reminded of the death, in 1715, of King Louis XIV of France, after a reign of 72 years.

He had called himself "the Great." The monarch had made the infamous statement, "I am the state!" (Grandiose political statements are perennial.) His court was considered the most magnificent in Europe, and his funeral was equally spectacular.

As Louis' body lay in state in a golden coffin, orders had been given that the cathedral should be very dimly lit with only a single candle set above his coffin, to dramatize his greatness. At the memorial service, thousands waited in hushed silence.

Bishop Massillon rose to speak. Reaching down, he snuffed out the candle and said, "Only God is great."/1

At the cross, and before the empty tomb, as the rich and famous and powerful wither and die, around the table of the Lord, we declare, "Only God is great!"

Or better, like Thomas who threw himself at the feet of the resurrected Christ, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

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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

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of July 5

1. Where is the coming of the Holy Spirit spoken of in terms of "falling"?
2. From what do Christians fall when they try to follow the law of Moses as a means of justifying themselves?
3. What city's fall is described in context of two horsemen and a chariot, and the breaking of idols?
4. Where is the binding power of love compared to cords?
5. Who put forth a plan for rebellion and boasted that if the attacked king went into a city, the city would be pulled by cords into a river, with no stones left remaining?
6. In what situation were ropes cut to discard a lifeboat?
7. How was a red cord used to identify which of two twins had come forth first?

Answers for week of June 28

1. When taken into Assyrian captivity, which evil king of Judah repented and prayed and was returned to his kingdom?

Answer: Manasseh. Notice that he has a change of attitude AND action which demonstrates his penitence, but it seems clear that his affliction at the hands of an enemy opened his eyes to the need to turn himself and the people of Judah back to God. Sadly, a reading of the rest of the chapter informs us that Manasseh's reform did not prevent his son Amon from returning to his father's idols and an ultimate tragic assassination.

2 Chr 33:9-16 - So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. 11 Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, 13 And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God. 14 Now after this he built a wall

without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah. 15 And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. 16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

2. What man's death during the days of David was described as being the fall of a great man and a prince?

Answer: Abner 2 Samuel 3:30-39 (esp. verse 38)
30 So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. 31 And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier. 32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. 33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth? 34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him. 35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down. 36 And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. 37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner. 38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? 39 And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

3. Question: What prophet's fatal sickness was described as a fall? (He "fell" sick)

Answer: Elisha

1 Kings 19:16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. . . . [This identifies Elisha as a prophet.]

2 Kings 13:14 - Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

4. The ruin of Jerusalem and the fall of Judah came because of their words and deeds that were against God. In the context where this is described, how will children behave toward their elders?

Answer: The children will behave proudly toward their elders. (Does this mean that youth rebellion is an ancient problem ??)

Isaiah 3:4-8 And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. 5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable. 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand: 7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people. 8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

5. What is described as "strange" in regard to an event that ended on the first day of a particular year?

Answer: Strange wives. The "strangeness" is defined as relating to their not being eligible for marriage to the Israelite men. The men had sinned in marrying wives of the "people of the land". They put an "end" to those marriages. (You can read the law which they had violated in Ezra 9 and in the Pentateuch as well.)

Ezra 10:16-18 - And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. 17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month. 18 And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: namely, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

6. What kind of setting up was done on the first day of a year?

Answer: The tabernacle and its court were set up. Exodus 40:1-16 (KJV) 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 On the first day of the first month shalt

thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. 3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail. 4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof. 5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. 6 And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. 7 And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein. 8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate. 9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy. 10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy. 11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it. 12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. 13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. 14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: 15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations. 16 Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

7. Multiplied sin, lying, and departure from God had caused justice to be at a "distance". What had happened to "truth"?

Answer: It had "fallen in the street." It "failed" Isaiah 59:12-15 - For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; 13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. 15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

NIV puts it this way: 14 So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. 15 Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.

Another good answer: **Truth perished** (Read the context preceding this.)

Jeremiah 7:28 - But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: **truth is perished**, and is cut off from their mouth.

Billy Y. observed: A very graphic description of a wicked and perverse nation. Ken, as I read this section of Isaiah I couldn't help but think of our present day world and this very nation in which we live. The Bible says they called good evil and evil good. (Isaiah 5:20) How very appropriate that is for our country today. Oh were it not so!!

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
June	28	12	24	22	18	\$654
June	21	18	25	9	14	\$547
June	14	18	29	22	24	\$709
June	7	16	20	22	18	\$596

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Remember Laura Singleton, Joe Nichols and Anna Curl in prayer as they continue their ongoing battle with physical problems.

Military: Andy Miller family in Japan; Drew and Adam Thomas in the US.

Sister Jessie Pearl Green has not been feeling well recently.

Gospel Meeting-July 26-29-Leroy Dedmon

Plan to be here
 Invite everyone you contact
 Pray Hard
 Expect Success
 Especially invite family and friends who are not Christians

I've Been Working Toward That Day
 by Bill McCormick

A good name is better than a good ointment, and the day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth. (Ecclesiastes 7:1)

The doctor came to his bedside and softly told him they had done all they could. He would die in three to six weeks. The doctor was taken aback by brother Gholson's calm and even welcoming response to the prognosis. How could he take it so calmly? Brother Gholson's response: I've been working toward this for the best part of my life.

We are encouraged, having put on Christ, to set our affections on things above not on the earth (Col.3:1,2). Abraham looked for a city which has foundations, whose maker and builder is God (Heb. 11:10). If we have built up our treasure in heaven rather than on earth (Matt. 6:20,21) through faithfully living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4), walking in the light (I John 1:7), we too can face with hope that time appointed to all men (Heb. 9:27). If we live in peace with God, we can die in peace with Him (Psa. 37:37).

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Assignments	July 5	July 12
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Tim Waldron	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Ken Thomas
(center)	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	T J Waldron	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		