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Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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Gospel Meeting

With Darrell Blankenship preaching the gospel
Today through Wednesday night

All night services are at 7:30 PM

The congregation invites all visitors to eat with us following the morning service today



The Godhead by Mike Benson

The doctrine of the Godhead can be difficult to understand (cf. Job 11:7). According to the Scriptures, there are three, distinct divine persons in the "Godhead" (cf. Acts 17:29; Romans 1:20; Colossians 2:9; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19-20; John 14:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2). One God and Father, one Lord, and one Spirit (cf. Ephesians 4:4-6).

The Father is God. "Blessed be the GOD AND FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual

blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3; cf. Genesis 1:3).

The Son is God. "But to the SON He says: 'YOUR THRONE, O GOD, is forever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom'" (Hebrews 1:8; cf. John 1:1-3).

The Spirit is God. "But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to THE HOLY SPIRIT and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control?' (Continued page 4)

Sunday Schedule

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| 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 July 27

1. Where does the Bible refer to borrowing as slavery?
2. Who returned OUT OF Egypt due to a death, and who was told to return TO Egypt because of a death? (Two different people)
3. Find three Old Testament passages that say we will return to the earth of which we are made.
4. Who could return to his own land, but only after the death of the high priest?
5. When the sinner abandons wickedness and returns to the Lord, what blessings are his?
6. What saying of God (in the Old Testament) has gone from his mouth and won't return? It is regarding the use of two parts of the human body that are used in honoring God. Find the Old Testament reference and two related New Testament references.
7. In what passage does God invite the redeemed to return from a "dense vapor" of sin?

Answers for week of July 20

1. What must be done for a son to give parents rest and joy?

Answer: Correct him. A child left to his own devices will make wrong choices and bring turmoil and sadness to his parents. Correction implies guidance and re-direction when a child goes astray. God bless parents who care enough to correct their children.

Proverbs 29:17 - Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

2. In the Old Testament, a certain way of "God-magnification" is said to be more pleasing to God than a horned animal with hoofs. In addition to singing the praises of God, what "magnified" God? Answer: Thanksgiving. The Psalmist knew that when he gave thanks to God, that very act magnified God as the source of the things for which he was thankful. Those who do not acknowledge

God have no one to thank or praise.

Giving thanks was deemed of being more pleasing than an animal sacrifice, but ironically, the sacrifices were commanded by God. Does God see a thankful heart in you?

Psalms 69:30-33 - I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. 31 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs. 32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God. 33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners. "

Psalms 35:27-28 - Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. 28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

Though not actually containing the word "magnify", this passage also shows that genuine respect for God's greatness will show itself in obedience:

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

3. What is the means of correcting a foolish child?

Answer: Rod of correction

Prov 22:15 - Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Prov 23:13 - 14 - Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

Prov 29:15 - The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

According to some people these verses recommend a corporal punishment that is considered cruel. The last passages are not a direct answer to the question, but are apt commentaries on it. I do not believe scripture will uphold abuse or cruelty to a child. In fact, Eph. 6:4 forbids

provoking a child to wrath. Unjust punishment or cruel mocking will provoke wrath, but the application of loving but firm punishment is not contrary to the will of our creator.

4. Find a connection between limited talking and knowledge.

Answer: The indication is that a lot of talking may indicate less, not more, knowledge or understanding.

Proverbs 17:27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. 28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

1 Sam 2:3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

Prov 15:2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

Prov 11:12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

Prov. 17 was the source of the question, but the other two passages also speak of the foolishness that often accompanies wordiness.

Mark Twain said, "It is better to sit in silence and appear ignorant, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."

(I sometimes need this reminder.)

5. According to Zechariah, what kind of speech does God hate?

Answer: Lies

Zechariah 8:16 These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: 17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

Added Reference: Zechariah 13:3 - And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and

his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

6. When a wise person fears and gets away from evil, what does a fool do?

Answer: He rages and "is confident".

Proverbs 14:16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

George DeHoff says that a wise man will give careful consideration to all his actions while a fool will move ahead without stopping to think.

There were several other verses which contrasted the wise and the foolish. Here is one that does not fully encompass the clue above, but the word "prating" is somewhat parallel to the "confidence and raging" of the fool.

Definition: Prate: to talk much and foolishly; chatter; to make idle talk

Pro 10:8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

7. If one is prideful and ignorant, what will they do?

Answer: Spend time with foolish questions and useless, harmful words.

1 Timothy 6:4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

Related: Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Eph 4:18-19 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Prov 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Matthew Henry - "Pride will have a fall. Those that are of a haughty spirit, that think of themselves above what is meet, and look with contempt upon others, that with their pride affront God and disquiet others, will be brought down, either by repentance or by ruin. It is the honour of God to humble the proud, Job 40:11"

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Laura Singleton and William Miller are still limited as to what they can do. Laura is at home and William is at NHC. Melissa Dickerson still needs our prayers due to her infection. Nancy Harvey had tests on Tuesday and Wednesday. Carley Mitchell, 7 month old great-niece of Audrey and Tim Carter, is in Vanderbilt with an e-coli infection. Please pray for this baby and those who care for her. As of Saturday she had improved some and seems to be recovering.

Young folks: It was good to have Jessica Qualls visiting Wednesday night. She is a friend of Kerrie Haley and Brooke Carter and came with them. It was also good to see Leia Hudson back Wednesday. She has a new sister, Madison Grace, born June 9.

Coffee County students will be in school on Wednesday. God bless all of you to have a good, productive, safe, and well-behaved year! Daniel Green is a junior and TJ Waldron is a sophomore at CCCHS. Heather Waldron will be in MTSU very soon. Best wishes to her.

Welcome, visitors

Let us know how we may serve you. We are glad that we are frequently blessed with visitors. Most of the time visitors are familiar with what to expect in our services, but if you have any questions why we do as we do, feel free to ask.

| Assignments | July 27 | August 3 |
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| Song leader (SS) | Ken Thomas | Tim Waldron |
| Announcements | Junior Conner | Joe Green |
| Songleader-Worship | Tim Waldron | Wayne Gannon |
| Scripture reading | Daniel Green | Daniel Green |
| Opening prayer | Joe Green | Tim Waldron |
| Table service (center) | Wayne Gannon | Joe Green |
| (center) | Ken Thomas | Steve Miller |
| (outside) | Junior Conner | T J Waldron |
| (outside) | Daniel Green | Andy Miller |
| Closing Prayer | James Mason | Lee Rose |
| <i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i> | | |

“The Godhead” (Continued from page 1)

Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men BUT TO GOD" (Acts 5:3-4; cf. Genesis 1:2).

I personally have found it helps to recognize a difference between (a) the Godhead being one and in (b) being one person. The Godhead is composed of three persons and yet is One (cf. John 5:7) in nature and essence (cf. Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Isaiah 45:5), desire and purpose.

Study the following Biblical illustrations and note that the word one is not a reference to a single unit in the strict mathematical sense, but one in the sense of unity:

Ephesians 5:31 -- husband and wife one in flesh

Ephesians 2:14 -- Jew and Gentile one in Christ

1 Cor. 3:8 -- Paul and Apollos one in mission

Acts 4:32-- Jerusalem church one in heart and soul

John 17:22 -- Father and Son one in purpose

Now consider Jesus' prayer to His Father: "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one" (John 17:22). Believers are to be one in unity and purpose just as the Father and Son --two members of the Godhead -- are one in unity and purpose.

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| For the record: | 6/29 | 7/06 | 7/13 | 7/20 |
| Bible Study | | 16 | 13 | 17 |
| AM Worship | | 22 | 21 | 27 |
| PM Worship | | 16 | | 21 |
| Wed. Bible Study | | 20 | 11 | 23 |
| Contribution | \$632 | \$621 | \$ | \$548 |