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Fear's Strange Behaviors

by J. Randal Matheny

Then Sarah lied, saying, "I did not laugh," because she was afraid. But the Lord said, "No! You did laugh." Genesis 18:15 NET

Fear leads us to do the strangest things. It led Sarah to lie to the Lord when he promised she would have a son in her old age. It led Abraham to have his wife say she was his sister, because she was beautiful and the patriarch feared for his life.

Lot struck off for the mountains because he was afraid to stay in the little town of Zoar with his two daughters, after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Isaac sneaked away from Laban for fear his father-in-law would take back his daughters.

After a stunning success on Mt. Carnel where the prophets of Baal died in defeat, Elijah fled for his life to Beer Sheba in Judah to get away from a queen's wrath.

Walking on the surface of a stormy lake, Peter let fear of the wind and waves sink him.

The Gerasenes were afraid of a sane man, sitting with his clothes on.

Fear of a harsh master led a servant to bury his one talent in the ground.

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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 August 19, 2007

1. Who lost his head due to a wise mother in Israel who claimed to be peaceable and faithful?
2. One Bible chapter refers twice to "dominion". What has no dominion over Christ, and what is to have no dominion over Christians?
3. When Moses led Israel from Egypt, "not a hoof" was left behind, but the Egyptians were left behind. In contrast, what was the occasion when Israel left Egypt, leaving livestock behind, but accompanied by many prominent Egyptians?
4. What previously bustling city was practically deserted and is pictured as a woman who has no sympathy from her previous lovers, has lost her friends, and sheds tears during the lonely nights.
5. According to an Old Testament prophet, there would come a time that people would consider that because of dire shortage of food, clothing, and people to lead, "having clothes" would qualify someone to lead his people. What would be the attitude of the young people against the older folks during that time?
6. Some of us toss and turn in our sleep, while others lie rather still. What kind of person's method of moving in bed is described in the Bible?
7. What specific nation is described as being human, but not divine?

Answers for week of August 12, 2007

1. Among Matthew, Mark, and Luke, where is the greatest emphasis and mention of the Holy Ghost (Spirit)? (One of them has more references than both of the others.)

Answer: Luke

The reason I left John out of the question was to focus the attention on Luke. John's references to the Holy Spirit are much better known to most people than those in Luke.

(Luke 1:15) "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb."

(Luke 1:35) "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

(Luke 1:41) "And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:"

(Luke 1:67) "And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,"

(Luke 2:25-27) "And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. {26} And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. {27} And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,"

(Luke 3:16) "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:"

(Luke 3:22) "And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

(Luke 4:1) "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,"

(Luke 4:14) "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about."

(Luke 4:18) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,"

(Luke 11:13) "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy

Spirit to them that ask him?"

(Luke 12:10) "And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven."

(Luke 12:12) "For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say."

(Luke 24:49) "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Compare Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Some also believe this is a reference:

(Luke 11:20) "But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you."

2. What verb describes destructive action taken by a king, bears, and a devil. (The word rhymes with "bear" and is not found in all versions. Remember that I start with the KJV to get my questions.)

Answer: Tare.

(2 Sam 13:31) "Then the KING arose, and TARE his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent."

(2 Ki 2:24) "And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she BEARS out of the wood, and TARE forty and two children of them."

(Mark 9:20) "And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the SPIRIT TARE him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming."

(Luke 9:42) "And as he was yet a coming, the DEVIL threw him down, and TARE him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father."

Now wasn't that fun?

3. Who proclaimed that he was innocent of covering up his sin in the way that Adam did?

Answer: Job

(Job 31:33-35) "**If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:** {34} Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door? {35} Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book."

A related passage . . . (Prov 28:13) "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

4. Who describes himself as having an open mouth and a big heart?

Answer: Paul, writer of Corinthians

2 Corinthians 6:4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, 5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; 6 By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, 7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; 9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; 10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. 11 O ye Corinthians, **our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.**

5. What kind of woman has (and keeps) honor?

Answer: A gracious woman

(Prov 11:16) "A **gracious woman retaineth honour:** and strong men retain riches."

6. What is the inheritance of a troubler of his own household?

Answer: The wind

Pro 11:29 **He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind:** and the fool [shall be] servant to the wise of heart.

7. What city is pictured as a nursing mother

whose babies are characterized as having satisfaction and delight?

Answer: Jerusalem

Isaiah 66:10 Rejoice ye with **Jerusalem**, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: 11 **That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.** 12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Assignments	August 19	August 26
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Cannon	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	James Mason	Ken Thomas
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Joe Green
(center)	Nick Graham	Nick Graham
(outside)	T J Waldron	Junior Conner
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	Daniel Green
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior</i>		

“Fears”(Continued from front)

Many if not most fears are ungrounded. But when we feed them they move us to faithless behavior.

Of course, there are times when one should be afraid. The appearance of an angel in the New Testament was always a frightening experience.

But fear often betrays a lack of faith. Just as Sarah lied because she could scarcely believe the Lord's promise and then didn't want to

admit it. Usually, we fear what others might do to us or say about us. We're afraid of suffering at the hands of hostile people.

Fears are extinguished by considering that the Lord's promises apply to me as well.

"The Lord delivers and vindicates me! I fear no one! The Lord protects my life! I am afraid of no one!"
(Psalm 27:1)

"When I am afraid, I trust in you. In God - I boast in his promise - in God I trust, I am not afraid. What can mere men do to me?"
(Psalm 56:3-4).

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Prayer requests:

Pray for those in Bangladesh, Nepal and India who have suffered terrible flooding due to recent monsoons. Pray for those who have lost loved ones in the Peruvian earthquake and those who cannot even have sufficient water for drinking and cooking. Pray for those involved in the mine disaster. And any other needs you are aware of..

Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation. Pray for those we are trying to bring to Christ locally. Pray for the children in school who are without a sense of direction.

Pray for the spread of the gospel throughout the world. Millions are dying without the gospel and slipping into “eternity’s night”.

