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Coming Clean

Have you ever noticed how quick we are to blame others for our inappropriate and sinful actions? Adam blamed Eve, then he blamed God. Eve blamed the Serpent. King Saul blamed the people. The Israelites frequently blamed God. And the blame continues.

And then there are our own excuses. Have we ever attempted to excuse our actions by saying the following words?

It was his fault...	He had it coming...	I couldn't help myself...
I had to do something...	He made me..	I never would have done it, but...
If they didn't like what I did, they shouldn't have...		
I'm not to blame for...	At least I didn't....	
What else could I do...		I had no choice...

All of these statements are frequently heard and all of them are attempts at shirking responsibility, and avoiding a humble confession of wrong-doing.

Next time you make a mistake, may the first and last words that come from your mouth simply be, "I have sinned," as was spoken by the "man after God's own heart" (1Samuel 12:13).

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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 26, 2007

1. For the people of Ephraim, was "flying glory" a blessing or a punishment?
2. If Israel would plant in righteousness and reap in mercy, what kind of rain would God send?
3. When was Ephraim exalted, and when did "he" die?
4. What passage speaks of a message (from nature) which is understood in every tongue?
5. According to Jesus, what were the heathen (non-Jews) seeking, in contrast to what Christ's followers should seek?
6. One mother was so worried that her son would marry a girl from the same nation his brother had, she told her husband that she wouldn't have a reason to live if it happened. Who was this concerned mother?
7. Who claimed that he was "about to burst" like a container for grape juice?

Answers 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?

Answer: Sheba the son of Bichri

(2 Sam 20:16-22) "Then cried a **wise woman** out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee. {17} And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, Art thou Joab? And he answered, I am he. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. {18} Then she **spake**, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter. {19} **I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?** {20} And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. {21} The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. **And the woman said**

unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall. {22} Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king."

2. One Bible chapter refers twice to "dominion". What has no dominion over Christ, and what is to have no dominion over Christians?

Answer 1: Death

Romans 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; **death hath no more dominion** over him.

Answer 2: Sin

Romans 6:14 For **sin shall not have dominion** over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace

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?

Answer: The occasion was when Jacob, the father of Joseph died and was to be buried in Canaan. Genesis 50:1-14

1 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. 2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days. 4 And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5 My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. 6 And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. 7 And **Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,** 8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and

his father's house: only their little ones, and **their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.** 9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. 10 And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

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.

Answer: The city of Jerusalem.

(Lamentations 1:1-2) "How doth **the city sit solitary, that was full of people!** how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! **She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with his, they are become her enemies.**"

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?

Answer: Domineering, proud

(Isa 3:1-8) "For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water. {2} The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, {3} The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. {4} 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." {9} The show of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. {10} Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. {11} Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. {12} **As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them.** O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

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?

Answer: the slothful person.

Proverbs 26:14 - **As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.**

Can't you just visualize an old creaking hinged door . . . and that poor lazy person trying to get enough energy to turn over? The vigor and clarity of biblical comparisons are unsurpassed in literature.

Interesting comparison:

"When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of **tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.**" Job 7.4.

7. What specific nation is described as being human, but not divine?

Answer: Egypt

(Isa 31:1-3) "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! 2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. 3 Now **the Egyptians are men, and not God;** and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together."

Assignments	August 26	September 2
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	Ken Thomas	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Mason Fisher
(center)	Nick Graham	Andy Miller
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Daniel Green	Andy Miller
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact</i>	<i>Junior</i>	

Please remind Ken of any news that needs to be reported.

Prayer requests:

Pray for those in who have suffered terrible flooding as well as those who are suffering from the continued heat and drought in other places. Pray for farmers who have lost their crops and suffered great losses. Pray for the people of Greece who are having serious fires and many deaths.

Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation. Sister Singleton has been suffering due to the extreme heat and her breathing problems. Charlene Turnbo had visited us last Sunday night, and due to the storm which hit the area (as we were being dismissed) she let one of her dogs inside her house. It got into a fight with another dog, and when she tried to break the fight up, she was badly bitten and had to go to the hospital for treatment.

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".

William Miller was to have cataract surgery Thursday, but we have not had a report as to how it went.

I came across a correspondence I had by e-mail regarding instrumental music in worship a few months ago and wanted to share it here:

Bob, It has not been very long since we had basically this same discussion, and you were arguing that the church in Jerusalem worshiped with instrumental music in the temple. We asked you then to give the proof. You only gave us more of "Bob".

Now you make an even stronger statement, but with nothing to back up your claim except "It is my belief. . . ." You wrote: "It is my belief and of most Scholars that they still worshipped with IM as ordained by God."

You have not listed ONE scholar to verify your claim. I have read enough of your posts here and in other places to convince me that you are not a scholar of this subject. If you were, you would quote at least some of the "many scholars".

I urge you not to make this statement again unless you can document it. I will leave you with a quote from McClintock and Strong. . . "The history of the church conclusively shows that instrumental music was an innovation. For many centuries no church used instruments of music. The use of the instrument is of human origin and not of Divine instruction. The general introduction of instrumental music can certainly not be assigned to a date earlier than the fifth or sixth centuries; yea, even Gregory the Great, who towards the end of the sixth century added greatly to the existing Church music, absolutely prohibited the use of instruments. Several centuries later the introduction of the organ in sacred service gave place to instruments as accompaniments for Christian song, and from that time to this they have been freely used with few exceptions. The first organ is believed to have been used in Church service in the 13th century. Organs were, however, in use before this in the theatre. They were never regarded with favor in the Eastern Church, and were vehemently opposed in some of the Western churches." Kenneth L. Thomas

(Eph 5:19) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

(Col 3:16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

