

	August 27	September 3
Song leader (SS)	Ken Thomas	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Mason Fisher
Songleader - Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Ken Lewis	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Wayne Gannon	Junior Conner
(center)	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
(outside)	Ken Lewis	Cole Gordon
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose

Sick News

Sister Jessie Pearl Green has been recuperating at Joan's house this week. William Miller, father of Steve, is in NHC in Murfreesboro. Continue to encourage those who have constant pain and/or continuing health problems. Ann Conner had intense treatments this week.

(Continuation of Answers, Bible Quiz) 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.

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Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
07/23	27	47*	56*	\$784	38*
07/30	18	38	25	\$599?	24
08/06	24	35	32	\$642.01	17
08/13	14	22	22	\$444	23
08/20	Figures will be posted next week				
Goals	35	45	36		35

walked with God.

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

When we see Abraham charged with the obligation to "walk before me [God] and be thou perfect", he was being told to live as did Noah and Job. That is what Jesus meant when he preached the sermon on the mountain. . .Mat 5:46-48 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? {47} And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? {48} Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

It takes little spiritual growth to love those that love us, etc. or to treat the brethren well. Spiritual maturity is required to express love to the hateful and to help those to whom we have no "brotherly" obligation.

The church at Sardis was charged with imperfection in its work, . . ." Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works **perfect** before God. Rev 3:2 **KJV** ---or as in **ESV** "Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works **complete** in the sight of my God.) .I get the idea that they were big on talk, plans and publicity, but they never quite accomplished what they planned to do. Reminds me of some churches I know about today

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Perfect



When the Bible says that Job and Noah were perfect, what does this mean? "Perfect" in the Bible context often means "complete". Also, concept of "mature" is involved.

A bloom may potentially be an apple, and a green apple is "on the way" to its potential, but only when it is ripe is it at its peak of potential. Then it can be "perfect." In the same way, some humans are blooming with potential, but are not "perfect". Some are quite "green", not complete or mature. Yet in the fullness of life, a faithful servant of God becomes what God intended, mature, a fully ripe Christian, having achieved the potential that God has given.

When the Bible speaks of the perfection of Job or Noah, it does not mean they never sinned, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). However, in their life, through overcoming the challenges they faced, they became "perfect" in God's eyes. . .mature in faith and faithfulness.

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. . . . Job 2:3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. (Also compare Job 1:8)

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Schedule This Week

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

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Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of August 27, 2006

1. What man's death during the days of David was described as being the fall of a great man and a prince?
2. What prophet's fatal sickness was described as a fall? (He "fell" sick)
3. The ruin of Jerusalem and the fall of Judah came because of their words and deeds that were against God. Just before you read of this, find how the children will behave toward their elders.
4. Multiplied sin, lying, and departure from God had caused justice to be at a "distance". What had happened to "truth"?
5. Where is the coming of the Holy Spirit spoken of in terms of "falling"?
6. From what do Christians fall when they try to follow the law of Moses as a means of justifying themselves?
7. What city's fall is described in context of two horsemen and a chariot, and the breaking of idols?

Answers for week of August 20, 2006

1. Who stated that he was born to "bear witness" unto the truth?

Answer: Jesus.

(John 18:37) "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should **bear witness** unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

2. Who settled an argument about a woman who found a child she did not bear?

Answer: Solomon

1 Ki 3:16-28 "Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. {17} And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in

the house. {18} And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. {19} And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. {20} And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. {21} And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was **not my son, which I did bear.** {22} And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king. {23} Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. {24} And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. {25} And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. {26} Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. {27} Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. {28} And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment."

3. Who has the power to **bear** someone up to prevent a foot injury?

Answer: Angels

Ps 91:11-12 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. 12 They shall **bear thee up** in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matt 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall **bear thee up**, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (See also Luke 4:11)

4. What rebel was warned that his father (and supporters) were "chapped" (chafed) and compared them to a **bear bereft of her cubs**?

Answer: Absalom

2 Samuel 17:1 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: 2 And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only: 3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. 4 And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. 5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith. 6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not; speak thou. 7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time. 8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and **they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps** in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

5. In a vision, a **bear** appears, with one side raised? What does it have in its **teeth**? **Answer: Three ribs.** (Dan 7:5) "And behold another beast, a second, like to a **bear**, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had **three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it:** and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh."

6. Flowing water was stopped by feet on men who had a **load to bear**? What were they carrying?

Answer: The Ark of the Covenant - when the priests carrying the ark stepped into the Jordan the water ceased to flow and began to build up so that the Israelites could pass through on dry ground.

Joshua 3:14-17 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the **priests bearing the ark of the covenant** before the people; 15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) 16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan:

and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. 17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

7. What circumstances would cause a woman to devour the offspring which "**she shall bear**"?

Answer:A famine brought on by the siege of an enemy on the cities of Israel and Judah as a result of their disobedience to God..... (Deu 28:56-57) The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, {57} And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward **her children which she shall bear:** for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

(Lev 26:27-29) And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; {28} Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. {29} And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

It actually happened when Ben-Hadad king of Aram/Syria laid siege of Samaria in 2 Kings 6:24-31. In Jer 19:9 it was mentioned as something that would happen when Judah and Jerusalem were besieged by the Babylonians. See also Lam 2:20; 4:10 and Ezek 5:10.

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

Answer: Manasseh

(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 (Continued on back)