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Reading, Writing, And Recklessness

by Steve Higginbotham, June 6, 2007

I'm sure that many of you have heard of the events that recently transpired at Boulder High School in Colorado. An associate clinical professor of psychology at the University of California was asked to speak to the High School students in a school assembly. At this assembly this professor said... "I am going to encourage you to have sex and encourage you to use drugs appropriately... Why I am going to talk that position is because you are going to do it anyway... I think as psychologist and health educator, it is more important to educate you in a direction that you might actually stick to."

Can you imagine such advice? Even more, can you imagine a school system that would not rise up to challenge and denounce such reckless advice? Friends, this is an indication of the direction our society is taking. Moral absolutes are simply dismissed as puritan religious hang-ups. In our pluralistic society, everything thing is up for grabs.

I must wonder if they will add another six weeks to their driver's education course to cover the following material... "How to Speed Without Getting a Ticket." After all, using the same

rationale, "since young people are going to speed anyway, they might as well be taught how to speed responsibly." Maybe this additional course could contain such matters as "Radar Detectors," "How to Talk Your Way Out of A Ticket," "How to Pay a Ticket Without Your Parents Knowing," and "How to Lose the Police on a Side Street."

So what do we do? First, realize that we live in a society that permits public dissent and freedom of speech. So speak up! Be heard! Express your views to those in position of authority. If enough Christians would be vocal about their faith, maybe our society would take us more seriously.

Friends, don't allow our society to slip further and further from the absolute moral standards of God. When you see something that is "unacceptable," speak up. Be heard. Express yourself. Don't just be a bystander to a tragedy when you can do something.

Can I, by myself make a difference? Can I, by myself set the world on fire? Maybe not. But may we all be found striking matches when the Lord returns.

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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 31

"Family Ties"

1. Who was born right after the death of his uncle, father, and grandfather?
2. When two women claimed the same child, who decided who the real mother was?
3. Whose mother made coats for him yearly, though he did not live with her at the time?
4. Where are grandchildren extolled?
5. Whose children were spared death but their fathers were executed for killing a king?
6. Why did the son of Barachel get angry?
7. What king of Judah was grandson of Zechariah?

Answers for week of August 24

1. How are anointing and the Holy Spirit connected?

Answer: Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

2. Who anointed a tent with oil?

Answer: Moses

(Exo 40:9) 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.

Leviticus 8:10 And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them.

Next Theme: If you snooze . . .

3. Who gave a person a haircut while he dozed?

Answer: A man called by Delilah to cut Samson's hair. (She did not do the cutting!)

Judges 16:16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; 17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been

a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. 18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath showed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. 19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. 20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

4. Who, while asleep, had a body part removed to be used for another person?

Answer: Adam.

Gen 2:18-25 "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. 19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. 20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

5. Who was asleep while having his clothes shortened?

Answer: Saul (maybe!) 1 Samuel 24:3-4 (See notes

below for issues that arise with this answer)

1 Samuel 24:1 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi. 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. 3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave. 4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

This may be questionable. Long ago I was taught that Saul was asleep, and later learned the supposed innuendoes of "cover his feet". The text says Saul entered the cave where David and others were hiding. He had entered the cave in order to "cover his feet" (KJV), which most modern scholars believe is a veiled reference to excretion of bodily waste. However, some believe it is a simple reference to lying down to sleep, and covering the feet.

Some translations actually translate the passage as a reference to Saul's lying down to sleep, but this is not clear in the KJV. What is difficult for me to accept is that David could cut off any part of Saul's garment without Saul's noticing UNLESS Saul was asleep. Adam Clarke's Commentary suggests that after Saul had relieved himself that he did sleep, and during that time David did the sneaky cutting trick. (see also Matthew Henry).

I also found an interesting discussion of the pros and cons of this issue at:

<http://lists.ibiblio.org/pipermail/b-hebrew/2001-February/009857.html>
<http://lists.ibiblio.org/pipermail/b-hebrew/2001-March/010092.html>

6. In regard to sleep, what do Jesus and Jonah have in common?

Answer: They both went to sleep while sailing on a ship. A windstorm caused a great tempest in both cases, and fellow sailors came to awaken them.

In Jonah's case, he was the cause of the storm sent by an angry God. After the sailors awakened him so he could pray to his God, it was determined that he was the culprit. His being thrown overboard (at his own suggestion) stopped the storm.

In Jesus' case he was asked if he did not care that they perished, and he calmed the sea by his words, "Peace, be still." Then he rebuked the others for their lack of faith.

Jonah 1:3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. 4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not. . . .14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee. 15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

Mark 4:37 "And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" See also Luke 8:23, Mat. 8:23

7. Who was awakened by an earthquake, had

suicidal thoughts, but before daylight served a meal to guests?

Answer: The jailer in Philippi - The events described below happened after midnight, in one night. Isn't it interesting that this man went from despair to joy in such a brief time after being taught how to believe in Jesus? He actively expressed his faith by tending to the wounds of Paul and Silas, and being baptized immediately. What a celebration of joy that must have been as he fed those who had been released from his prison, and had told him how to be released from his own prison of sin.

Acts 16: 25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. 29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house

8. Who cannot sleep unless they have done evil or have been a stumblingblock?

Answer: Wicked people (evil men) -

Prov. 4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. 15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. 16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief;

and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

9. What child was wakened by the voice of God?

Answer: Samuel - 1 Sam. 3:1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; 4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me.

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Andy, Brandy, and Steven Miller left for Iwakuni Marine Base this week. Matt Brandon has returned to Ohio. He plans to work in the Cincinnati area and hopes to go to school after he gets his GED results. Pray for these who have moved away. Ann Conner has been able to get back to services. Judy Thomas returned to work after being quite sick. Laura Singleton was still in Vanderbilt hospital at last report. William Miller is at NHC.

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	August 24	August 31
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	Tim Waldron
(center)	T J Waldron	Steve Miller
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Andy Miller	Daniel Green