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Great, It's Wednesday!

Steve Higginbothom

Imagine the scene...It's been a very difficult week at work. You've been given more to do than you can possibly get done. Your superiors don't seem to care that you're overloaded, they just want results. You're stressed out and frazzled. Supper is over and it's Wednesday night, and your spouse says, "It's time to get ready for Wednesday night Bible study." Question: What are you thinking at this point?

Some might answer that question with an answer similar to the following, "Oh great! It's Wednesday night and we have Bible study. I've had a rough week, I'm just not up for it tonight."

Others might answer that question with an answer similar to this, "Oh great! It's Wednesday night and we have Bible study. I've had a rough week, and I need something to lift my spirits."

Same scenario, different responses. Which would you give? Friends, if our response would be more in line with the first answer, then at least one of two things are wrong. 1) Our assemblies aren't offering the fellowship and encouragement they should be offering, or 2) We have lost perspective of what a privilege and blessing it is to be able to open God's word, learn more of Him, and fellowship with the saints.

Have you had a hard week? It's Wednesday, and most places will have Bible study tonight. What will your decision be?

"I was glad when they said to me, 'let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1)

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Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM

Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM
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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 September 27

1. What writer depicted the peace of God's people by describing sheep sleeping safely in a forested area?
2. In the city described by Ezekiel, how many gates were there?
3. What prophet described backsliding as something to be "healed"?
4. What prominent tribe (representing Israel) is depicted as a dishonest merchant (with deceitful scales) who was rich?
5. In Zechariah's time, what was the name of the ninth month?
6. Who, along with other men, were sent to pray during Chislev?
7. Capernaum is a seacoast town near which two tribal areas and on what sea?

Answers for week of September 13

"Accusations"

1. What preacher was falsely accused of many things, but confessed to alleged heresy in worship?

Answer: Paul. What Paul believed was truth, not heresy, but he acknowledged that his foes called true worship by the name of heresy. He had been falsely accused of stirring up sedition.

Acts 24:5-6, 10-14 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes: 6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law...10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself: 11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship. 12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city: 13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me. 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

2. Who was accused before a governor by an eloquent speaker, but in his defense insisted that he should be able to face his accusers personally?

Answer: Paul. He was accused by Tertullus, but Tertullus seems to be a hired "gun" to impress the governor. .Acts 24:18

Acts 24:1-22 - And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul. 2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence, 3 We accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness. 4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words. Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, . . . 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: 15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. 16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. 17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings. 18 Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult. 19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me. 20 Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council, 21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day. 22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter."

3. What accusers of a godly man were killed by the wild beasts by which they had expected that the accused would die?

Answer: Daniel's accusers (who received the punishment - being thrown into a den of lions - that they wanted him to receive).Daniel 6:24

Dan.6:20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is

thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? 21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. 23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. 24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

4. Whose enemies were attempting to use a handicapped person's lack of manual dexterity in order accuse him in regard to a day of rest?

Answer: Jesus - Mark 3:1 And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. 2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. 3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. 4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. 5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other. 6 And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

Compare Matthew 12:9-14; Luke 14:1 - 6

5. Who did not give answer when he was accused?

Answer: Jesus - Mat 27:11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. 12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing

Mark 15: 1 And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. 2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it. 3 And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.

See also Luke 23:8-9; John 19:9-11; John 19:9-11.

6. Who warned military men against making false accusations?

Answer: John the son of Zacharias, the baptizer (not the apostle John)

Luke 3:2 Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. 3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; 14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse [any] falsely; and be content with your wages. 15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; 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:

7. Who shouldn't be accused without verification from others?

Answer: Any man, but in particular, elders. This old principle extends back to the Old Testament. Deut 19:15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. 16 If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong; 17 Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days;

Act 25:16 To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

Mat 18:16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

1 Tim 5:19-20 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. 20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

8. By what power do Christians defeat the one who accuses them before God?

Answer: The blood of the Lamb, Christ. Also willingness to speak boldly without fear of death.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Sept	20	12	16	23	8	\$515
Sept	13	28	27	23	11	\$542
Sept	6	12	20	17	6	\$562
Aug	30	14	21	13	14	\$742

A Wonderful Message

They both have been battling cancer. Both have endured similar struggles that often accompany the disease. They are sisters – in Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). They even share almost identical names: JoAnn and Joan (also pronounced “Jo-Ann”). One (JoAnn) finished her courageous battle with cancer in death yesterday. The other (Joan) continues to fight her battle with a strong faith and a marvelous attitude.

When the realization came that JoAnn’s struggle was drawing to a close, she sent a message to her fellow-sufferer and friend, Joan. The message was communicated through their sons who graduated high school together. The message was one of faith and hope. The message was brief but powerful. JoAnn told Joan that... “**Everything’s gonna be okay.**”

How can everything be okay when you’re facing the trials – even the life-threatening storms – of life? JESUS would love for you to know...

Everything is gonna be okay because Jesus died on the cross for our sins. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to accomplish a special mission: to provide salvation from sin. For this reason Jesus died on the cross as payment for the sins of the world (1 John 2:2; 4:9-10). His blood covers the debt of our sin when we in faith (Acts 16:30-31) and repentance (Acts 17:30-31) are baptized (immersed) into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16) and continue to follow Him faithfully (1 John 1:7).

Everything is gonna be okay because Jesus rose from the dead. “He was delivered over to death for our sins,” but He “was raised to life for our justification” (Romans 4:25). By His death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus defeated death and won the decisive victory over the one who “had the power of death, that is, the devil” (Hebrews 2:14). His resurrection guarantees our own resurrection when He returns (1 Corinthians 15). Because of Jesus, death does not have the final word!

Everything is gonna be okay because Jesus is preparing a place for the faithful child of God. Jesus’ disciples were troubled with the news of His departure. He comforted them saying, “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:1-3).

Thomas was confused about the way. “How can we know the way?” he asked. Jesus said, “I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

Thank you, JoAnn, for reminding Joan and the rest of us that everything IS gonna be okay because Jesus IS the Way – the way to forgiveness and eternal life in a wonderful place called Heaven.

YOU can also have this assurance if you will trust and obey Christ. Won’t YOU?

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Beech Grove News

Rejoicing News: Diane Hernandez has landed a job working as admissions coordinator for Select Specialty Hospital located on the Baptist Hospital campus in Nashville starting tomorrow.

Remember Laura Singleton, Joe Nichols and Anna Curl in prayer as they continue their ongoing battle with physical problems.

Military: Andy Miller family in Japan; Adam Thomas at Camp LeJeune.

James Mason is home after suffering colitis but is now having pain in his feet. Anna Curl entered the hospital in Shelbyville due to diverticulosis but was transferred to MTMC Friday night. She is in CCU room 115.

Wanda Miller had the H1N1 virus. and seems better, but now Steve has gotten sick.

Programs to Watch and Share with Others

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY

Sundays @ 7:00 am on WUXP-TV 30

Sundays @ 10:00 am on WHTN-TV 39

Mack Lyon, speaker www.searchtv.org

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sundays @ 7:30 am WUXP-TV30

James Watkins, speaker

Assignments	September 27	October 4
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	James Mason
Table service (center)	Wayne Gannon	Steve Miller
(center)	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
(outside)	Daniel Green	Cole Gordon
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose

If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner