



**October 12, 2008**

# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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### **Our Father**

Each of us has an earthly father and a heavenly Father. This weekend my son and grandson invited me to join a small group of men and boys from Mt. Juliet who were seeking to bind more closely to each other and to God. Leading the devotionals (and cooking) was an elder from Centerville, Bill McDonald (above), who operates a campsite for outdoorsmen . It was a great experience as the provision of our creator was emphasized. One thing that impressed me was the extravagance of God in placing beautiful and intricate things in the most remote places where cell phones don't work, and GSP says I'm lost!

This picture was taken on top of a remote hill, far from the gaze of most people. Take time to enjoy the wonders of nature. Ken Thomas



### **Sunday Schedule**

<b>Bible Classes</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>6 PM</b>

**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

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## Questions for week of Oct. 12 (Family)

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1. Who wanted to kiss his parents before entering his ministry? (He also served ox meat before he left them.)
2. What father was known for feeding birds?
3. Question: What prophet laments the dishonor to God's name when a father and son are intimate with the same woman?
4. Who expressed a curse on the one who took news of his birth to the father?
5. Who was both Paul's son and brother? In what way?

### (Places)

6. What three cities beginning with the letter "H" were places where prisoners from 2 and a half tribes were taken by the Assyrians?
7. What capital city of the Ammonites was destined to be a place for camels?

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## Answers for week of October 5 (People)

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1. What dead men were seen talking with Jesus?  
**Answer: Moses and Elijah (Elias).**  
Someone said if the men were dead, Jesus could not have talked to them. But quite a conversation took place in Luke 16 between Abraham, Lazarus, and the rich man!

Elijah did not die in the strictest sense of the word, for he was taken away from the earth in a whirlwind, so an objection to the question on that grounds is reasonable.

(Deu 34:5 ) So **Moses the servant of the LORD died** there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

(2 Ki 2:11) And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and **Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**

Three accounts speak of the conversation, but the most compact answer is in Mark 9:4

Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto

you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. 2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. 3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. 4 **And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.** 5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. (Parallel accounts are in Matthew 17 and Luke 9.)

Matthew 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, **behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.**

Luke 9:28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. 29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. 30 And, **behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:**

2. What two named men was Jesus thought (by some) to be?

**Answer: Elijah or John the Baptist (or Jeremiah).**

Also, other unnamed prophets were being proposed for identifying Jesus. Matthew mentions all three. Mark and Luke do not list Jeremiah.

Luke 9:18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am? 19 They answering said, **John the Baptist;** but some [say], **Elias;** and others [say], that one of the old prophets is risen again.

Though others had different ideas, Herod was convinced it was John, whom he had murdered.

Mark 6:14 And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That **John the Baptist was risen from the dead,** and therefore

mighty works do show forth themselves in him. 15 **Others said, That it is Elias.** And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets. 16 But when **Herod** heard thereof, he said, **It is John,** whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.

On another occasion this took place:

Mark 8:27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? 28 And they answered, **John the Baptist: but some [say], Elias; and others, One of the prophets.**

Mat 16:13-19 "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, **Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias,** or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

3. What did Jesus say on the cross that was interpreted wrongly as a cry for Elijah?

**Answer: Eli (according to Matthew), Eloi (according to Mark)**

*Strong's # NT:2241 Eli (ay-lee') or Eloi (ay-lo'-ee); of Hebrew origin [OT:410 with pronominal suffix]; my God: KJV - Eli.*

*Strong's # NT:1682 eloi (el-o-ee'); of Aramaic origin [OT:426 with pronominal stuff.] my God: KJV - Eloi.*

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?** 47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, **This man calleth for Elias.** 48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. 49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

Mark 15: 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eloi, Eloi,** lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, **Behold, he calleth Elias.** 36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to

drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down

4. Fill in the blank: Elijah was sent to only one of many \_\_\_\_\_ when a famine was in his land.

**Answer: Widows.**

The event is in 2 Kings 17, but the reference with the wording that fits the question is Luke 4:25-27. There were many widows, but Elijah (Elias) was SENT to only the one, the widow of Sarepta (Zarephath) in Sidon (Zidon). Old Testament and New Testament spellings differ, but these are parallel references.

(1 Ki 17:9-10) "Arise, **get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon,** and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink."

Lk 4:25 But I tell you of a truth, **many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; 26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.**

5. What father was due great respect, but asked questions which indicated that he felt disrespected?

**Answer: God.**

He asked the questions through Malachi, the prophet. I once asked this question on Fathers' Day. I thought that a question about respecting a father would remind us all of the greatest father of all, God our Father in Heaven. To whom do we owe more respect than God. . .and who more often than not gets forgotten in the hustle and bustle of Fathers' Day?

Mal 1:6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: **if then I be a father, where is mine honour?** and if I be a master, where is my fear? **saith the LORD of hosts unto you,** O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is

contemptible. 8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

In the days of old, as well as today, people were taking shortcuts in their casual approach to pleasing God. They offered just any old animal they had. . .sick, blind, lame..as a gift to God. They were not even concerned that fresh bread be prepared for the offering. . . .they used the old polluted bread. What about us? Do we give god the leftovers? Or do we give him the firstfruits, the very best we have? Think about it.

6. Elisha was sent to heal one \_\_\_\_\_, when there were many of them in his land.

**Answer: Leper.**

Naaman the leper is used by Jesus (in Luke 4) to illustrate that even in the Old Testament days when Israel was given special favor from God, his hand of mercy was extended to those of other nations. Naaman was a leader of the Syrian army (enemies of Israel). But God healed him of his dreaded disease through the instruction by Elisha.

Eliseus = Elisha.

(Luke 4:27) "**And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.**" (Cf. 2 Kings 5)

7. What father could not find the idols which his daughter had taken from him?

**Answer: Laban.**

He could not find them because Rachel was sitting on them! (Gen. 31:19-34)

Gen 31:33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found [them] not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. 34 Now **Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found [them] not.**

## Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Laura Singleton is now at home but has been quite ill this week. William Miller is at NHC. Florence Cartright, is in Boulevard Terrace in Murfreesboro, but got to be here last Sunday. Ann Conner is better. James and Doris Mason were quite sick with upper respiratory problems last week but came out this past Wednesday. Wanda Miller was sick with migraine problems Sunday and had bad aching in her shoulder and arm Wednesday, but she is better as of now.

**Bible Bowl** - At Mt. Leo (McMinnville) we came in fourth place with only three questions missed. We had five young people who took the test and shared answers for the final result. Some of them are new and did not have advantage of being in class all month. Veterans of the team were Daniel Green and T.J. Waldron. We were also glad to have Kristin Toops, Joel Green, and Alyssa Perez to join in. Thanks to Tim and Debbie Waldron, and Ernest, Becky, Clark Green for making the trip and providing transportation. Tim also helped serve as a moderator.

Next month we will be at New Union and will be tested on Luke 5-8.

Kristin had a birthday yesterday. We had some cake and ice cream Wednesday night and appreciate all who were able to stay after we dismissed services.



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Assignments	October 12	October 19
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Cole Gordon
(center)	Ken Thomas	Joe Green
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose