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"Trash Talk" and Boasting - Who's #1?

by Ken Thomas

A newspaper editorial a few years ago pointed out the growing problem of "trash talk" and exhibitions designed to taunt an athletic opponent. Coach Vince Dooley had called it the most serious problem in college football., and the editorial noted that such actions discredit the athletes and their schools. Showing off and bragging seem to have become a way to intimidate an opponent and "pump up" supporters, but the effort often backfires. (Isn't it hard to be humble when one is so good?!)

Paul, in 1 Corinthians 1:26-30 contrasts worldly standards with God's choices. He chose weak and foolish things to carry out His will to prevent man's boasting. Through Christ we have life, wisdom, righteousness, redemption, and sanctification. Therefore our boasting must be about God, not our own accomplishments.

Jeremiah urged wise men not to glory in their wisdom. Mighty ones were not to glory in their own power, nor rich people in their wealth. If men gloried it should be because they knew a God of steadfast love, justice, and righteousness (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

Who is really "#1"? Academic and athletic rankings have their place, but they have their dangers. We need to try to do our best in all areas, but we need to put God on the pedestal of praise for our blessings.

Benhadad, king of Syria, once boasted of an army so large that there was not enough dust in Samaria to give each soldier a handful. Ahab, king of Israel, retorted that a soldier putting on his armor should not boast (as if he had already won) as one who puts it off (1 Kings 20:10-11).

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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 October 21, 2007

1. What woman had decided that she could not be married because of advanced age?
2. Where was an elderly man living when his male guest was the object of the lusts of merry-makers?
3. According to the word of witnesses, what deed was judged as the worst thing that ever happened from the time of the Exodus until the day of the atrocity?
4. What river was the place where a priest announced a time of fasting and self-affliction to be observed?
5. What is the attitude of a fool toward sin?
6. Why should a person not talk to a fool?
7. What is too "elevated" for a fool?

Answers for week of October 14, 2007

1. What city's downfall would cause crying by pilots?

Answer: Tyre (Tyrus) -

Ezek 27:8 "The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners: **thy wise men, O Tyrus, that were in thee, were thy pilots.** {9} The ancients of Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise. . . . {27} "Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, and in all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the midst of the

seas in the day of thy ruin. {28} **The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.** {29} And all that handle the oar, the mariners, and **all the pilots of the sea**, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land; {30} **And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly**, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes: {31} And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart and bitter wailing. {32} **And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, What city is like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?** {33} When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise."

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2. What two groups were known for "fair" trading?

Answer: People of Tarshish and Togarmah traded in the fairs of Tyre. "Fairs" refers to the wares, the merchandise that was sold. The word is only found in Ezekiel. Silver, iron, tin, and lead came from Tarshish and horses, horsemen, and mules were the trade of Togarmah. - (Ezek 27:12-14) **"Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.** {13} Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy merchants: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy market. {14} **They of the house of Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules."**

(Several references are made to those who "occupied" in the fairs, but the two mentioned above were the only ones that used the words "traded" and "fairs" together.)

3. God told Israel use weaponry for firewood for how many years?

Answer: Seven years. - (Ezek 39:8-10)

"Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken. {9} And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall **set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:** {10} So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD."

4. How long would signs stay up if a passerby viewed a human skeleton?

Answer: Until the bone was buried. - (Ezek 39:11-16)

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog. {12} And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. {13} Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD. {14} And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. {15} **And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.** {16} And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land."

5. What beautiful storage places were full of skeletons?

Answer: white sepulchres

(Mat 23:27-28) "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for **ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.** {28} Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

6. What skeletal part was strengthened by an apostle's assistance?

Answer: Feet and ankle bones. -

(Acts 3:1-10) "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. {2} And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; {3} Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. {4} And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. {5} And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. {6} Then **Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.** {7} **And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.** {8} And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. {9} And all the people saw him walking and praising God: {10} And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him."

Prayer Needs and Requests

- ◆ Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation.
- ◆ Charlene Brandon's has a new great-grandchild, Shelby Lynn Brandon who weighed in at 5 lb. 10 oz.
- ◆ Sister Rosemary Messick was released from MTMC Saturday after spending time in ICU. She had been losing blood and had to have some blood vessels reinforced surgically. She seems to be in good spirits.
- ◆ Remember all of our shut-ins and the older members who have to deal with the infirmities that come with age. Sister Singleton was in Harton Hospital this past week.
- ◆ Bereaved families - Remember in prayer the families of James Dunn, Dale Evans, and Sara Davenport.

Events

- ◆ Bible Bowl - November 4 at Mt. Leo
- ◆ 4th Sunday Singing next week at New Union
- ◆ Area - wide Friday Night Singings
November 2 - Main Street, Manchester
November 9 - Windrow, Rutherford County.

(Trash talk - continued from front)

The person or group that nurtures an arrogant, superior attitude also nurtures the destructive seeds of envy and strife, as well as an overconfidence that leads to disappointment, and defeat in life. (Next column)

For the record:	9/23	9/30	10/7	10/14
Bible Study	18	18	24	20+
AM Worship	26	33	28	29
PM Worship	25	17	11	21
Wed. Bible Study	16	25	18	
Contribution	\$515	\$518	\$362	\$736

- ◆ 1 Cor 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.
- ◆ Psa 34:2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- ◆ Prov 29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.
- ◆ Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
- ◆ Mat 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.
- ◆ James 4:6-10 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. {7} Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. {8} Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. {9} Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. {10} Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
- ◆ 1 Pet 5:5-6 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. {6} Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Assignments	October 21	October 28
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas
Announcements	Junior Conner	Andy Miller
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	Joe Green
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
(center)	Daniel Green	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Andy Miller	Junior Conner
(outside)	Nick Graham	Nick Graham
Closing Prayer	Joe Green	James Mason
<i>If you cannot serve,</i>	<i>please contact Junior Conner</i>	

