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Bearing Good Fruit by Ron Thomas

When John the Baptist went preaching in the Judean wilderness (Luke 3), he taught the people to bring forth fruit worthy of repentance. This is another way of saying: let your penitent heart show itself in the things done. To claim that being a descendent of Abraham was not good enough, John made it clear that God expects more than they were giving (Luke 3:8); they needed to show by the life lived their hearts were changed.

To be a son of Abraham was significant to the Israelite people; this was a claim of special relationship to God. John knew of this importance, but he impressed on the people that one's relation to God is related to the heart, not physical birth. There is no right of passage based upon who your parent is (or are).

If fruit is not borne, then the axe will be laid at the root and the produce will be cut off and burned. This is a graphic illustration that conveys well the picture the Holy Spirit wants us to see. When the people asked John what that meant, he explained (Luke 3:10-14). Note the brevity of his words and the comprehensive application to them. **Share with the needy, live by high moral ethics in business transactions, live by the golden rule, and be content with your station in life.**

Each one of these need elaboration.

Those who are in need. Paul said the Christian is to do good unto all men, especially those of the household of faith. When John spoke these exhortations to those listening, he brought to their recall the obligations the Lord placed upon the people called Israelites. One's circumstance in life may be the result of many things, but

when we see a need, let us address it and relieve the stress, in part, of that person's life.

High moral ethics in business transactions. Our society is not so depraved that we need this message more than the previous generations. Whenever money is involved many people seem to adopt a different approach. Some Christians assert that simply because it is "business" that that somehow relieves them, not of ethics, but responsibility toward their brother. These will be sadly mistaken. Christians are to be the standard of high moral ethics in business all the time and everywhere.

Live by the golden rule – do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This is much easier said than done. Husbands, do you love your wife? How do you show that? Wives, do you love your husbands? How do you show that? Many relationships would be repaired if this were followed. Marriages, family relations, and neighborly relations would all be better if people lived by the golden rule. Too simple? Try it and see if it does not work.

Contentment. In such a rich country like the one we live in, "keeping up with the Joneses" may not be our motto, but we sure seem to desire to keep up with someone. Training ourselves to be content with what we have is useful because then we train ourselves to be good stewards of that which the Lord blesses us with. Don't mistake this for saying we should not enjoy the pleasures of life, but let us enjoy the pleasures of contentment. Then the pleasures of life become more pleasurable.

- Ron Thomas preaches for the Highway church of Christ, Sullivan, IL

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 November 8

1. Before Lot's departure from among the wicked people of Sodom, what six honorable activities characterized the people of the city?

“Confidence”

2. Who preached and taught confidently with no human hindrance for at least 24 months, and did so within his own rented living quarters?

3. Of what did the Jews of the New Testament times have confidence?

4. Who maintained that confiding in gold would be a punishable sin and a denial of God?

5. With what is the confidence of a foolish person compared?

6. What trait of the Lord is mentioned by Paul as the basis of being confident that the Thessalonian Christians would be obedient to his (Paul's) commands?

7. What made possible the confidence of Paul that his absence and his presence could be possible simultaneously?

8. An Assyrian king was quoted as questioning the confidence of Hezekiah. Who brought the message to challenge Hezekiah?

Answers for week of November 1

1. What does Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, have in common with a different Jacob who is mentioned in the New Testament?

Answer Both had sons named Joseph. And though Joseph in the NT is not the actual father of Jesus, his father Jacob is listed in the genealogy of Christ along with the Old Testament, as are the other Jacob and Joseph.

Matthew 1:15-16 15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; 16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

Genesis 30:17-26 17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son. 18 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. 19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son. 20 And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good

dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. 21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah. 22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 23 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: 24 And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son. 25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country. 26 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

2. How old was Joseph when he made a "bad" report about his half-brothers to Jacob?

Answer: Seventeen

Genesis 37:2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3. According to the Psalms, of what had the prideful been guilty of forging against the writer?

Answer: Lies

Psalms 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. 68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. 69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. 70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law. 71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

4. According to scripture an important feast of Israel had been neglected from the days of Joshua until the days of Nehemiah. What feast was it?

Answer: The feast of Tabernacles or "Booths".

It was established, as recorded in Lev. 23:34-44, to be observed beginning on the 15th day of the 7th month. A part of the observance involved building temporary shelters (booths) in which to dwell. This was a reminder of their living as nomads after the left Egypt. According to Nehemiah 8:17, the ritual was basically ignored from the time of Joshua

(Jeshua) until restored in Nehemiah's time

(Lev 23:34-44) "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD. . . . 39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. 40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. 41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. 42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: 43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God 44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD."

Neh 8:13 And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. 14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month: 15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. 16 So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. 17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. 18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according

unto the manner.

5. Trusting in the help (referred to as shade) of a foreign country would cause the people of Israel to be confused and ashamed. What country was specifically mentioned in this context?

Answer: Egypt.

Israel's trusting in the shadow of Egypt would prove shameful and a source of confusion.

(Isa 30:1-3) "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: 2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion."

6. In what context did God state that His people would be saved by returning and resting, and they would be strong in being quiet and confident?

Answer: Those who flee to Egypt for help will be destroyed unless they return, rest, are strong and confident in the Lord.

(Isa 30:15-16) "For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. 16 But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift."

7. If one were to examine the mouth of Jesus, something that is in the mouth of most men would not be found in His mouth. What was not in the mouth of Jesus?

Answer: Guile, deceit

1 Peter 2:21-23 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

Isaiah 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Nov	1	18	27	22	14	\$540
Oct	25	15	22	22	12	\$568
Oct	18	15	24	16	13	\$527
Oct	11	17	25	20	15	\$684

Beech Grove News / Prayer Requests

Junior Conner will be treated with medication for his circulatory/heart problem. Tim Waldron is hoping to get in to Vanderbilt Hospital soon to check on his heart problems. James Mason is still having severe foot pain which has made walking excruciating. Laura Singleton is in Manchester Health Care. The Thomas's granddaughter Autumn has the H1N1 flu.

Pray for . . .

- ★ Military personnel: Andy Miller family in Japan; Adam Thomas at Camp LeJeune on alert for deployment to Afghanistan.
- ★ Those suffering from typhoons, earthquakes, flooding, etc.
- ★ Those who have lost loved ones to death.
- ★ The Beech Grove community, that they will hear the gospel.
- ★ Christians as we try to teach the gospel by the means that we have.
- ★ Pray for those who being tempted by Satan to forsake the Lord, His church, and godly living.
- ★ The sick and injured.

WELL-L-L-L-L NOW, THAT'S DIFFERENT!

By Luther Blackmon

Have you ever tried to picture in your mind what would happen if some eccentric multi-millionaire philanthropist should announce in the local newspaper that during a specified assembly of the church he would present each person present with one thousand dollars? Well, I have. And in fancy's vision I see a strange and motley crowd. The rich and poor, the fat and frail, the believers, scoffers, atheists and even the God-is-deaders, The Republicans and Democrats, the segregationists and the integrationists, the famous and the infamous. People who hadn't spoken to each other for years would sit side by side if necessary. The "once a weekers" and the "once in a whilers" would be there. Grandpa would rub his rheumatiz leg with goose grease and turpentine and be there. Folks who haven't been there because they're afraid to drive at night would chance it. Backsliders would suddenly warm up and take a place where they could be seen. All of the puny excuses and anemic alibis and any other kind of lies people have been telling themselves and others about why they didn't attend worship would disappear like dirt before intensified Tide, or like roaches before Raid. We would have a crowd that would make the average political convention look like a country picnic – that is, until the money was passed out. We would look for a major slump after that. What kind of person would do for money what he would not do for his own soul?

(From "Bulletin Gold")

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	November 8	November 15
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Steve Miller
Opening prayer	Steve Miller	James Mason
Table service (center)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
(center)	Junior Conner	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Tim Waldron	T J Waldron
(outside)	Steve Miller	Junior Conner
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		