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All Kinds of Evil

by Michael E. Brooks

"Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasure" (James 4:1-3 NKJV).

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10).

We had a reminder of some of the worst aspects of the human condition this week. A friend's mother-in-law was badly burned. Apparently her brother put kerosene on her clothing and set her on fire because he was not willing to share their parents' inheritance (land) with her. She was entitled by law, but he did not accept that.

I have gradually become convinced that the absence of Christian teaching on selflessness, brotherly love, and other spiritual values is at the core of much of the inhumane treatment seen in so many parts of the world.

Add societies where women are of little importance and have no rights and the result is horrible amounts of domestic abuse, murder and violence. Brides are murdered by their husbands or their husbands' families because she could not or would not provide adequate dowry. Thousands of others have been maimed and disfigured for life by having acid thrown in their face, often while they are asleep. Many other kinds of offenses could be listed.

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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 November 16

Theme questions: "Food for Thought"

1. Grapes and raisins come in bunches. In the KJV an animal is said to have bunches. What is a bunch on this animal? (Refer to a modern translation if you need to.)
2. What leaders of God's people said that their enemies would be "bread" for them? (And what do you think this means?)
3. We would think of a store as a place to trade, but the Bible uses the word "store" differently. Find the words "old store" and tell what the expression means in context.
4. Many fruits (oranges, bananas, lemons, etc.) are not named in the Bible. Find as many fruits as you can (no less than four) in the Bible. They can be from tree or vine.
5. Sugar and molasses are not mentioned by name in the Bible, (nor saccharine or aspartame!) but what seems to be the favorite sweetener of Bible times?
6. Bitter herbs are mentioned in the Bible, but what is bitter to drink?
7. In one of Aesop's fables a fox tries to reach some fruit, but having failed concluded that they were sour anyway. What sour fruit depicts something that a person pretends not to have wanted even when he did? (Find a Bible reference to the fruit.)
8. What fruit is connected with the protective eye of God, as he views the descendants of Jacob?

Answers for week of November 9

1. Who was like a stranger in his own house and

was despised by children?

Answer: Job

(Job 19:14-19) "My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me. 15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight. 16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I entreated him with my mouth. 17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I entreated for the children's sake of mine own body. 18 Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me. 19 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me."

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2. What woman was taken from a man?

Answer: Eve - Gen. 2:23

Gen. 2:21 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.

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3. The expression "by the skin of my teeth" has a biblical origin. From where?

Answer: Job 19:19-20 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me. 20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

There are so many expressions like this one which enrich the English language. I wonder how many American children will be "clueless" about such expressions as biblical literacy declines.

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4. Words often cut, but where is the tongue compared to a shaving instrument?

Answer: Psa 52:2-4 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. 3 Thou lovest evil more than good;

and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. 4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

Other "sharp" descriptions of the tongue:

Ps 57:4 their tongue a sharp sword.

Ps 64:3 Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

5. If a man's nose was flat, for what work was he disqualified, by Old Testament law?

Answer: Active work of priesthood.

There were several blemishes that disqualified a descendent of Aaron. Note, however, that he was still permitted to eat the bread given to the priest and his family.

(Lev 21:17-23) Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. 18 For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous, 19 Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, 20 Or crookbacked, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken; 21 No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. 22 He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy. 23 Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify them.

6. If an Israelite killed an edible animal, what two things were done with the blood?

Answer: It was 1. drained from the animal and 2. covered with dust.

(Lev 17:13-14) And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth

any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust. 14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

Compare Deuteronomy 12:20-25 - When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after. 21 If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after. 22 Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike. 23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh. 24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water. 25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD.

7. Where in the New Testament is spiritual numbness connected with immorality?

Answer: Eph 4:17-20 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

Two other related passages:

1 Tim 4:1-3 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

Maybe because the conscience is defiled, they are numb to sin!

Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Prayer needs: Brother and sister Wymer Wiser; William Miller; Laura Singleton; Melissa Dickerson. Vadna Trail had to go to the hospital last week due to problems with her heart. Steve and Wanda Miller were both sick last week.

Pantry Needs to be Re-stocked: Thanks to all who have brought food for giving to the needy. Let's work on canned fruit for next week. Please continue a sustained effort to bring items.

Welcome,visitors

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Nov 9: BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont. \$
Nov 2: BS 26	MW 29	EW 25	Wed 17	Cont. \$572
Oct. 26:BS 19	MW 41	EW 31	Wed 18	Cont. \$653

Let us all encourage one another to attend all services by word and example.

"All Kinds of Evil" (Continued from front page)

We read these accounts, see the results in the faces and bodies of beggars on the street, and wonder, "What can be done to change things." The answer is the Gospel of a loving God who sent his Son to

save us and redeem us from sin. The only answer to sin is Christ. And that is what all this crime and violence is, simply sin caused by greed, pride and selfishness, multiplied by a refusal to know and serve the true God.

So called Christian cultures are not immune from these abuses. As the Western world becomes increasingly secular and agnostic (or atheistic), greed, selfishness and attendant crime continue to grow. Witness the many instances of enormous fraud and failure in economic institutions in recent years. Wherever and whenever people put material possessions, physical pleasure and selfish ambition ahead of God and others, all will suffer.

Preoccupation with the things of this world is not only the root of war and violence. It is also counter-productive in terms of producing true happiness and success. Jesus taught, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15).

Relationships with others are far more valuable and produce far more blessings than do money or land or treasure. When one considers the temporary and fragile nature of those things, their importance lessens even more (Matthew 6:19-21). It is far better to "Seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1).

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Assignments	November 16	November 23
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Steve Miller	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Ken Thomas	Steve Miller
(outside)	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
(outside)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose