



Beech Grove Church of Christ

meeting at Beech Grove, TN since 1875

❖ Visitors Always Welcome ❖

Highway 41 near I-24 exit 97

 P.O. Box 85 -- Beech Grove, TN 37018

Phone 931-394-2305

<http://kennethlorin.com/BeechGroveChurch.html>

<http://kennethlorin.com/WeeklyBulletin.html>

Kenneth L. Thomas, minister - 615-890-6959

Influence Of The Lord's Church

Mike Riley

The need to maintain the pattern of the Lord's church as the New Testament reveals is always of utmost importance. Every congregation should focus on this goal as one of its priorities in its operation and direction. Elders need to determine (by the authority of God's Word) how close or how far a congregation is from the teachings of the Bible and make spiritual adjustments accordingly. The church would be doing and accomplishing more if all congregations would be devoted to being just what the Bible teaches us we should be.

In order for the church of our Lord to maintain a true Biblical influence in the world, we as members of the Lord's body (Romans 12:5) need to display true concern for others in our daily living. We need to think back a few days and ask ourselves, "How many many people have I been nice to?" or "How many people that I come in contact with have I acted miserable toward?" or "How often do I demonstrate a selfish attitude in my relationship toward others?" The world is too full of impersonal objects without a Christian becoming one of them. Matthew 7:12 teaches, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."

None of us have a right to wrong anyone. Our lives would be much happier if we could only apply this Bible precept of loving our fellow man. Even folks who are poor and unfortunate need love, care, friendship, respect, and encouragement. Often the reason why some people act no better than they do is because you and I haven't thought enough to just speak a kind and encouraging word to them. It is great to know that God loves all people (John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9) and therefore, wants us to care for one another. (Matthew 22:39).

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

(Wording is based on KJV)

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of December 2

1. Two part Question: Of whom were Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, Joel, Benaiah sons, and what was strange about their wives?
2. Question: According to the King James version, some people are pitiful. Is this good or bad?
3. What can a wife do to cause a man to be like a decayed skeleton?
4. What sin is described as bone decay?
5. What prophet warned that God would destroy houses built for summertime and wintertime as well as large houses?
6. Who was warned of the perils of an assignment with an illustration of four types of animals: gentle mammals and birds, fierce canines, and reptiles?
7. What does God know about the thinking of wise people? (The passage from which this question is made does not flatter man's wisdom!)

Answers for week of November 25

1. What was the physical condition of a youthful Egyptian who had been left behind by his master, a man of Amelek. (He was found by enemy troops.)

Answer: Sick, weak from hunger and thirst

The young Egyptian had fallen sick, and had not eaten nor drunk water for three days and nights. David gave him food and water, and he led David's troops to the marauders who had captured the women and children of Ziklag, including David's two wives. Perhaps a lesson for us today: When we treat people as things, we will discard them when they are no longer useful to us. But such treatment will come back to defeat us.

(1 Sam 30:10-20) "But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor. {11} And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; {12} And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights. {13} And David said unto him, To whom belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an

Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick. {14} We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. {15} And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company. {16} And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. {17} And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled. {18} And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. {19} And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all. {20} And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil."

2. Background: Peter declared that God had promised to raise up the fleshly offspring of David to sit on David's throne: (Acts 2:29-30) "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. {30} Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;"

Question: According to Christ, what is the requirement for sitting on His throne with him?

Answer: Those that OVERCOME will sit with Him

(Rev 3:20-21) "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. {21} To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

3. In many scriptures the "longsuffering" of God is discussed. What seems to be the benefit (to the human race) for God to be longsuffering?

Answer: If it were not for the longsuffering of God, we could not be saved. 2 Pet. 3:15 is the key passage Longsuffering refers to forbearance, fortitude,

patience.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. . . 15 And

account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Numbers 14:19 The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty....

Psalms 86:15, But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

1 Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a-preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

4. John described his reason for writing, that the readers' _____ should be filled.

Answer: Joy

(1 John 1:4) "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

5. According to Moses, his people had a neck problem. What was the condition they had?

Answer: "stiffneck" (I think we can safely equate this with "hard-headedness.")

(Deu 31:25-27) "That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, {26} Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. {27} For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?"

(Exo 34:8-9) "And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. {9} And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance."

6. In one New Testament chapter the word "inheritance" occurs three times. Within that chapter, we learn that those who receive the inheritance do so as a part of the family to which the inheritance is given. By what process did they become children?

Answer: The chapter is Ephesians 1

(Eph 1:11) "In whom also we have obtained an **inheritance**, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:"

(Eph 1:14) "Which is the earnest of our **inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

(Eph 1:18) "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his **inheritance** in the saints,"

The heirs became children by divine adoption

(Eph 1:3-5) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: {4} According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: {5} Having predestinated us unto the **adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself**, according to the good pleasure of his will,"

(Notice that all spiritual blessings are IN Christ. Those who are IN Christ have been adopted. Though other passages speak of being "born again", born into the family of God, the figure of an adopted child shows the special love extended to us. God's plan, predetermined from the beginning, was to adopt us "in Christ.")

7. What is the connection between Micah and Jonathan the priest?

Answer: Micah was a man in the time of the judges who had originally made his son a priest. Later Jonathan, a Levite, was hired by Micah to be his own personal priest in an effort to get the Lord to "do him good". Later Jonathan was taken away to become a priest for the tribe of Dan. Though Micah protested about their taking away his priest (and his carved images, etc), he did not have the power to regain his possessions and his priest. And Jonathan seemed happy to "serve" a tribe rather than one man. The passages below are a sampling from the history of these events.

(Judg 17) "And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah. {2} And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my son. {3} And when he had restored the

eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee. {4} Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah. {5} And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. {6} In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes. {7} And there was a young man out of Bethlehemjudah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there. {8} And the man departed out of the city from Bethlehemjudah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. {9} And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Bethlehemjudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place. {10} And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in. {11} And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons. {12} And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. {13} Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest."

(Judg 18:1-4) "In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel. {2} And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah,

For the record:	11/04	11/11	11/18	11/25
Bible Study	24	24	24	15
AM Worship	34	37	32	28
PM Worship	22	18	20	28
Wed. Bible Study	12	15	14	18
Contribution	\$679	\$626	\$718	\$581

they lodged there. {3} When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this place? and what hast thou here? {4} And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest."

(Judg 18:30) "And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the of the land."

Prayer Needs and Requests

- ◆ Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation. Ann Conner is to have knee replacement surgery at St. Thomas hospital Thursday. Remember Wayne's brothers, Ed Gannon and Robert, as well as his sister Mildred Black. Remember Kim Bryant as her complications are dealt with.
- ◆ Remember our shut-ins and the older members who have to deal with the infirmities that come with age.

Events

- ◆ Area - wide Friday Night Singing December 7 at Rockvale (Rutherford County)
- ◆ Check the bulletin board for updates.

William Hall Gum, age 87, of Big Springs, died Nov. 22, 2007 with the funeral being held last Sunday. In the past he was a member of Beech Grove congregation, but at the time of death was a member at Rock Hill. Our sympathy to the family.

Assignments	December 2	December 9
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Andy Miller	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Daniel Green	Joe Green
(center)	T J Waldron	Nick Graham
(outside)	Mason Fisher	Andy Miller
(outside)	Cole Gordon	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		