



Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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Happy New Year!

May the best of god's
blessings be yours
and

May this be the best year of
your life in productive service
to god and mankind.

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 December 28

1. Where are confessing sins and covering sins contrasted?
2. Who prayed and confessed on behalf of his people when he realized (by reading books) that their God appointed captivity was almost over?
3. Who baptized people when they confessed their sins?
4. Who was afraid of being put out of the synagogue if they confessed what Christ had done for their son?
5. Who believed in Christ but would not admit it because they knew it would cause them to lose favor with men?
6. Find at least two verses that teach that everyone will eventually confess the lordship of Jesus.
7. (From the Old Testament)- In a picturesque passage, idolaters are compared to that which will vanish quickly, including morning vapor and condensation, chimney smoke, and waste materials from threshing blown away. Find it.

Answers for week of December 21

1. Who is near the broken-hearted?

Answer: The Lord.

Psalm 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Psa. 147: 2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. 3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Another answer: Jesus Christ. To heal the broken-hearted indicates nearness.

Luke 4:17: "And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was

written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted

2. Find verses that describe things that God hates and what He loves. (in the same verses)

Answer: God loves judgment (justice) and hates robbery.

There are questions about the translation of burnt offering [iniquity] and I really don't know how to deal with the difference.

Isa 61:8 KJV- For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

(ASV) For I, Jehovah, love justice, I hate robbery with iniquity; and I will give them their recompense in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Other possibilities:

Romans 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Malachi 1:1 The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. 2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, 3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. In a longer passage we learn that God hates the lover of violence, but He loves righteousness.

Psa 11:5-7 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. 6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. 7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

Randal sent this:

Proverbs 11.1 "A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is his delight." Also Prov. 11.20; 12.22; 15.8-9 (nine especially says he "loves").

3. What happened to Judas of Galilee and his

followers?

Answer: Judas perished and his followers were scattered. Acts 5:37 (see context, Acts 5:26-42)

The discussion of the fate of Judas and his followers was a part of a plea from Gamaliel to an angry, upset, Sanhedrin. The apostles had defied the order to cease speaking in the name of Jesus. Peter had declared that it was a matter of obedience to God rather than man. He restated his conviction about Jesus' resurrection, saying that he and others were eyewitnesses. This so upsets the council that Gamaliel asks the council to hear him, and asks the apostles to leave for a while during his address to the council. It is during this time that he mentions examples of "rebels who perished" implying that the apostles will also come to naught if they have no basis for their position. His speech placated the council and saved the life of the apostles.

It did not, however, keep them from being whipped and ordered not to speak in the name of Jesus.

Acts 5:37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. 38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought

Randal commented on the question: Gamaliel mentioned him as evidence that if the apostles' preaching was of God, they could not resist it, but if Christianity were of man, it would fail.

But his advice actually, perhaps unwittingly, gave the Way permission to preach. I read just today this phrase: "In management (or parenting, for that matter), 'what you allow, you encourage.'"

4. What did Theudas brag about?

Answer: He claimed to be "somebody" - probably an arrogant claim of his own importance. He obviously was convincing to the 400 who followed him until his death and their

subsequent scattering.

Acts 5: 34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; 35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. 36 For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

5. What New Testament prophet predicted a widespread famine?

Answer: Agabus Good and faithful Barnabas had encouraged faithfulness among the disciples and effectively evangelized so that many were "added" to the Lord. Saul (Paul) and Barnabas went to teach the church in Antioch, where the new name Christian was first used to describe the followers of Christ. During that time, prophets from Jerusalem came there, and Agabus, one of them, predicted a world wide shortage of food. When it happened, the Christians in many places moved quickly to relieve the needy. (See Acts 11:23-30) .

27 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus , and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: 30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

6. Who, along with family members, was stoned and burned after he confessed he had sinned?

Answer: Achan.

After he had taken forbidden spoils of the battle against Jericho, Achan's deed was discovered, but not until a cocky group of Israelites was defeated soundly by a small city, Ai. Searching for a

reason, Joshua and the distraught leadership of Israel sorted through the families of Israel, tribe by tribe, and finally came to the family of Achan. Achan confessed what he had done, but that did not stop the punishment that came to him and was shared by his family. They were stoned to death and then burned, a fiery end for a covetous man. Josh. 7: 24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

7. Whose praying, weeping, and confessing was followed by crying of an assembled multitude?

Answer: Ezra.

Men of Israel had been unfaithful to God by marrying foreign women from the people around them. Ezra 9 describes the reaction of Ezra, and his prayer.

Ezra:10:1: Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore. 2: And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

Welcome, visitors

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Our sympathy to the family of Claude Burks who passed away. He was Joe Green's uncle by marriage. Also our sympathy to Wymer Wiser's family. His funeral was on Wednesday morning.

Other prayer needs: William Miller (NHC); Frances Cartright (Nancy Harvey's mother) at Boulevard Terrace. Laura Singleton (now at home); Melissa Dickerson is at home following her surgery.

Pantry Is Being Restocked: Thanks to all who have brought food for giving to the needy. Please continue a sustained effort to bring items. If you know of a pressing need for food (including your own) please let it be known.

“Creation Caving”

Cumberland Caverns Youth Rally

On January 2, 2009 (Friday), all the youth of the congregation are invited to attend a unique event. Cumberland Caverns will be the site of a youth rally. The theme is “Creation”, with Dr. Brad Harrub of Focus Press being the keynote speaker. The day will also include “singing in the cave”, a tour of the cave, and a light show about creation. Lunch will be provided. We will need to call in our reservation, so let Ken know if you plan to attend.

Bible Bowl is next Sunday, January 4, at Woodbury.

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Dec 21 BS 19 MW 37	EW15	Wed 14	Cont. \$778
Dec 14 BS 22 MW 23	EW 25	Wed 17	Cont. \$535
Dec 7 (Not recorded)			
Nov30 BS 18 MW 33	EW23	Wed 10	Cont \$598
Nov23 BS 22 MW 29	EW 21	Wed 13	Cont. \$710
Nov16 BS 27 MW 36	EW 21	Wed 14	Cont. \$596

Assignments	December 28	January 4
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Joe Green	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Ken Thomas	Steve Miller
(outside)	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
(outside)	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason