

Beech Grove News

Sister Iva Rose is in Erlanger , still in very serious condition. She has had surgery to repair the broken leg and broken hand. On Saturday morning she was having a problem with blood pressure due to the pain, but the family said she was still aware and able to respond to them. The support of Beech Grove members going to Chattanooga to give encouragement has been fantastic. Continue to PRAY HARD!

Goal for Wednesday reached! Our other attendance goals are going to be reached soon if we keep working at it. In fact, all it takes is for all our members to show up at the same time. Bring someone with you.

	Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Contribution	Wednesday
8/14	19	32	20	\$617	20
8/21	22	37	27	\$568	19
8/28	20	36	25	\$594	25
Goals	25	40	30		25

Building on Sand

Biblical references to storms are common. From the whirlwinds of the Old Testament bringing judgment from God to the storms threatening the safety of apostles on Galilee and the “Great Sea”, men have suffered loss and bodily harm from wind and water. It is sometimes tempting to blame God for destruction or to praise him for escape from harm. But often we only speculate and we cannot know.

There is no doubt that many have learned the literal truth of Christ’s teaching about building on the sand. It does not seem wise to build a city near the sea, below sea level. But even more unwise is to build a city upon the economic foundation of evil and debauchery. It seems ironic that this very weekend was scheduled to be the climax of a depraved celebration that has been welcomed by the past three mayors of new Orleans. Southern Decadence #34 was expected to bring in over \$100 million as a drunken celebration of homosexuality. Due to the condition of the city, the celebration seems to be cancelled for this year. A proud city well known for its Mardi Gras, its bars, and prostitution, now sits ruined by the forces of nature. Who can tell whether this is the judgment of God? I certainly could not say so for sure. But it does seem ironic that this natural disaster came at such a time as it did.

Jesus said, “ Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. Matt 7:24-27 (KJV) Ken Thomas

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Reflections on Stormy Destruction

“The smell of death” . . .that was one description of New Orleans this week. More people have died since Hurricane Katrina hit than were killed in the 9-11 attacks. I have tried to imagine the horror of being in a closed attic with water rising around my neck, or on a roof waiting in the sun for rescue. How horrible it must be to be a mother with a baby dying of heat or starvation, or a hospital worker helpless to save the life of a feeble patient.

It is easy to criticize the looters, the shooters, the complainers, etc. But we cannot imagine how we might react if we did not know what was going to happen to us (or not happen for us). In a time of desperation, most people become callous to the needs of everyone except me and mine. A generous nation is reaching out to take care of people, and many in the church are at the forefront of the efforts.

I hope that this congregation will look for ways to help. Times of crisis often become blessed times as people are confronted with their own mortality and the need to put first things first in their lives. Let us be lights in the world. Ken Thomas



Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children’s

Home

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Visitors

Always

Welcome



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Bible Questions September 4, 2005

1. What must be done for a son to give parents rest and joy?
2. What is the means of correcting a foolish child?
3. Find a connection between limited talking and knowledge.
4. According to Zechariah, what kind of speech does God hate?
5. When a wise person fears and gets away from evil, what does a fool do?
6. If one is prideful and ignorant, what will they do?
7. Where does the Bible refer to borrowing as slavery?

Answers for August 28

“Looking at Negatives”

1. Who will think it unusual that the new convert to Christ does not run with them?
Answer: Previous associates. In this context, the Gentiles (heathen). Today the person who comes out of an openly sinful background has a tremendous battle against the disapproval of former peers. We need to arm new converts with a mindset to stand strong in face of hostility.
 (1 Pet 4:1-6 KJV) Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; {2} That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. {3} For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: {4} Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: {5} Who shall give

account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. {6} For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

2. Who had siblings that could not speak in a peaceful way to him?

Answer: Joseph Genesis 37:3-4

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. 4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him

3. Who would not go with the Israelites to the promised land because of their stubbornness?

Answer: God (the Lord)

Exodus 33:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swear unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: 2 And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.

4. In what short section of five verses are people advised NOT to do four things? (There may be more than one place, but I know of at least one in which the form for each is " _____not".)

Answers:

Option 1 - From the Ten Commandments (**Ex. 20**)

Option 2 - From **Proverbs 3**

Exo 20:13-17 KJV) Thou shalt not kill. {14} Thou shalt not commit adultery. {15} Thou shalt not steal. {16} Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. {17} Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's

Prv. 3:27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is

due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. 28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. 29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. 30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. 31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

5. Find verses in both New and Old Testaments that tell God's people NOT to walk as certain others.

Answers: There are several possible, but the first two clearly require the godly to "walk" differently from the "walk" of others.

Leviticus 20: 22 Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out. 23 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

Ephesians 4: 17 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.

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Prov 1:10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. 11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: 12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: 13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: 14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: 15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

Isa 8:11 For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

Ezek 20:18 But I said unto their children in the

wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. . . 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

6. What kind of activity on the part of humans was said to be prerequisite to the Lord's guidance, prosperity, and, and a comparison to a water source that fails not?

Answer: Remove the yoke of affliction, quit "pointing fingers" and speaking wickedly, reach out to the hungry, and "satisfy the afflicted soul." Homer Hailey in his commentary on Isaiah says, "It seems to indicate a sharing of one's self by sympathizing, comforting, and bearing the burden of those afflicted with inward pain."

Isa. 58: 9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; 10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: 11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

7. Whose hospitality included an admonition not to stay in the roadway?

Answer: Lot. (Gen 19:1-3) And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; {2} And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. {3} And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.