



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

This year in *Confidence Corner* we are examining how the inspired New Testament writers applied the passages from the inspired Old Testament writers so that our knowledge, faith, and therefore our confidence, will grow (Romans 10:17).

In Genesis 5:24 we find some of the limited knowledge that we have of a biblical character named Enoch. "Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away." Although the Bible does not reveal a wealth of information about this Enoch, men have provided a great deal of speculation.

We looked at much of that speculation last week. To refresh your mind or if you did not read last week let me summarize the information. According to Jewish tradition recorded in the book of *Jubilees* (2nd century BC) Enoch shared a special confidential relationship with God. According to this tradition all sorts of secrets were revealed to Enoch. He learned writing and all about astronomy. Through the angels, it is written, that he was informed about everything on earth and in heaven (*Jubilees* 4:17-21). An additional source from the 2nd century BC, the *Book of Enoch* records that Enoch was informed of God's global flood as well as the entire history of Israel up until the coming of the Messiah. Rasji and the apocryphal *Book of Wisdom* further speculate that Enoch was pious but at the same time easily tempted. For this reason God took Enoch away early so that evil would not overtake his heart and temptation deceive him.

As we indicated last week, we do not have to rely upon the speculation of these human sources. We have the Hebrew text as well as a NT writer's inspired application of Genesis 5:24. Let us examine the NT passage.

Hebrews 11:5 reads, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

What does this information reveal about Rasji and the Book of Wisdom's speculation that Enoch actually was taken by God through death to avoid falling to temptation? The NT writer reveals through inspiration, just as the Hebrew had indicated, that Enoch was translated "that he should not see death."

We also read that it was "by faith" that Enoch was translated. From the passage in Genesis we see that Enoch walked with God. Later we read that two can only walk together if they are in agreement (Amos 3:3). Paul reveals in Romans that faith comes from hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17). Therefore we understand that Enoch followed God's will as it was revealed to him. Because he did so God was pleased with him and allowed him to escape physical death. God will allow us to escape the second death if we walk with Him i.e. follow His revealed will.
JFB

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Greetings from chilly Henderson, Tennessee. What a start for the 2009 Freed Hardeman Lectureship! This year's theme is: "Crying Out to God; Prayer and Praise in the Psalms." The information being shared this week will be beneficial for me as I prepare each week for our Ladies Bible class. Several folks pass their greetings to you. I am unable to list them all or this column would be full of names.



Horizon's Update

Dates: July 5-10, 2009

Theme: Wonderful, Merciful, Savior

For: Grades 7-12

Attendees must be entering the 7th Grade
Registration will open online in mid March

There will be more information about how to register online in a future bulletin. A quote from the postcard that will be mailed says,

"It's time to take the lead. It's time to take charge. It's time to be the Christian leader you were created to be. Just one problem. Who am I? Where do I belong? Where do I fit in? You're not alone. Countless teenagers like you are dealing with the same questions.

The truth is: You cannot know who you are until you know who HE is."

By the first of March I should have more information about this year's program.

See ya Sunday.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *Calvary's Crosses*
Luke 23:39-43

P.M. - *Two Men—Same Date*
Psalms 119:9-16

Reading of the Pentateuch

What joy and encouragement can be found in reading God's word. Many of you may have started a plan of Bible reading at the first of the year. For those who have been reading from Genesis through the Old Testament, I thought I would give you some thoughts that may help guide you in your reading.

The first five books of the Old Testament are in many ways placed in the only historical order possible given the information they cover. Genesis accounts for the origin of the heavens, the earth, and mankind. Also the book of Genesis accounts for the origin of the Israelites. From chapter 12 onward, we read a family history of sorts.

The focus given to fill the earth (Adam, Noah, Abraham) leads to much of the dilemma as the book of Exodus begins. Not only has Pharaoh forgotten all that Joseph had done for his nation, the nation of Israel is growing to threatening proportions. Up through chapter nineteen, the formation of the nation who will be God's chosen people is still being developed. The people travel from Egypt to Sinai. They have been afforded an opportunity to come to know God and His power before they prepare to meet and cut a covenant with Him.

Leviticus is the book that stresses "Be ye holy, for I the LORD your God am holy." Where Exodus brings the people to the LORD for instruction and even provides some of that instruction, what man needs to know to approach a holy God is found in Leviticus. The sacrifices, the priests, and cleanliness laws all help people to understand God is separate and that they too as His people must be separate. Many in their study of the Pentateuch (five fold book) believe that Leviticus' position in the Pentateuch is a way of centralizing its theology of holiness to the reader. In other words, the focus or central point of the Pentateuch is the need to be holy; the book that stresses this idea is the middle or centralized book of the Pentateuch. Leviticus provides instruction for entering the Holy Land.

Numbers provides practically the preparation the people needed to inherit the Holy Land. Some have referred to this section of Scripture as "Marching and Murmuring." Here the people wander in the wilderness due to their unbelief. With the exception of a couple, the entire generation who displayed the unbelief will be unable to enter the Holy Land. In its structure the book could be divided, at least in part, by the generations; chapters 1-15 relate to the older generation and chapters 26-36 relate to the newer generation who will inherit the Promised Land. Each of these sections begin with a census of the people.

Deuteronomy is distinctly different due to its style. It is a book of sermons delivered by Moses to a new generation. It like the Law delivered to the earlier generation, prepares the people for their relationship with the LORD. Deuteronomy serves as a link to the rest of the Old Testament Scriptures. Even Malachi makes extensive use of Deuteronomy. Interestingly enough, it is the book Jesus alludes to most when he references the Pentateuch.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, Ky.

News and Notes

GRACE SPEER was admitted to Hardin Memorial Hospital Saturday and was released Tuesday evening.

ROY JOHNSON was admitted Monday to VA Hospital in Louisville, Room 573, and continues to undergo tests. **HOWARD GARDNER** was released from Hardin Memorial last Friday. **MARY STOUGH**, Gene Stough's mother, was admitted to Jackson Hospital in Montgomery, AL Tuesday.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Carl Mercer
Neil Burden	Tom Morgan
Elonda Crafton	Nathan Nash
Dana Fox	Rosa Lee Norman
Howard Gardner	Joyce Pack
Chris Goodin	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Gene Stough
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Ruby Keister	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Payton Walker
Diane Lewis	Lawrence Wells
J Martin	Jim & Dyrena White

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers:

Dave Fulbright, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Phillip Moore

Additional Prayer List: Charlene Akridge, Weita Anderson, Delsie Axton, Curtis Bradley, Sue Cantrell, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, John Pawley, Willie Pence, Joe & Patsy Richter, David & Geneva Risinger, Carlos Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Jim Thomas, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Kendell Whisenant, Sondra Woosley

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Doris Simpson and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, Eugene Hornback, who passed away Monday in Louisville. His funeral will be held Friday in Shepherdsville.

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE JANUARY 2009

Food Center	102
Clothing Center	51

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE JANUARY 2009

Courses graded	136
New enrollees	26

Weather Problems

Due to the ice storm last week, the February 1 issue of *The Caller* was not mailed. It can be viewed online at www.ETOWNCOFC.ORG.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **5TH GRADE & UNDER FAMILY GAME NIGHT**, Saturday, **February 7**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the South Wing. Please bring your favorite board games and finger foods. See Ken or Monica Bybee if any questions.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **February 9**, at 10:30 a.m., here at the building.
- **CONGREGATIONAL SKATING PARTY**, Sunday night, **February 15**, at Hardin County Roller Rink in Radcliff.
- **SWEETHEART DINNER**, Saturday, **February 21**, in the South Wing. Men are asked to prepare two dishes so please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board. CSG #1 will be in charge of set up and decorations, CSG #2 & CSG #3 will have clean up duties, and CSG #4 will be in charge of the night's activities. Members are asked to bring a wedding photo or copy and give to Jason or Carrie White prior to the dinner.
- **E-TOWN LADIES DAY**, Saturday, **March 21**, with Janie Gallagher from Fairmont, WV. Theme: Vessels of Clay.
- **FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS SEMINAR** at Lehman Avenue Church of Christ in Bowling Green, Saturday, **March 28**. An announcement sheet with speakers and times is posted on the bulletin board.

Note

Please add Sarah Morrow's birthday, February 11, to the February birthday list which was in last week's bulletin.

Dorothy Brothers leaves February 7 for a mission trip to Panama. Please keep her and those she will be traveling with in your prayers.

OUR RECORD FOR February 1, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	142
Sunday Morning Assembly	194
Sunday Evening Assembly	135
Wednesday Bible Study	No Class (weather)
Ladies Bible Class	No Class
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$5,932

Elder/Coordinator for February
Rick Whobrey

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: I am the prophet who hid 100 other prophets in caves to protect them from Jezebel. Who am I?

Last Week's Bible Question: What person cooked his bread on cow dung? The correct answer is Ezekiel, Ezekiel 4:15. Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Kay Thomason, Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Mary Walker, Betty Bray and Katy Watson.

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to ray.pack@kvnet.org by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:
Bible Classes 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday
Ladies Bible Class 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday
Evening Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Exodus 19-21; Matthew 20:1-16
2. Exodus 22-24; Matthew 20:17-34
3. Exodus 25-26; Matthew 21:1-22
4. Exodus 27-28; Matthew 21:23-46
5. Exodus 29-30; Matthew 22:1-22
6. Exodus 31-33; Matthew 22:23-46
7. Exodus 34-36; Matthew 23:1-22

Feb. 7 — 5th Grade & Under Family Game Night
Feb. 9 — Church Workers Workshop
Feb. 15 — Congregational Skating Party
Feb. 21 — Sweetheart Dinner
Feb. 22 — Singing at Atria
Feb. 27-Mar. 1 — CYC, Gatlinburg, TN
Mar. 21 — Ladies Day

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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