



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).

This week we want to examine the NT writers' use of the OT passage, Psalm 41:9. Psalm 41:9 reads, "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me."

In this passage David speaks of a most trusted friend (Hebrew literally "man of my peace"). He notes that this individual "hath lifted up his heel against him." This phrase in the original suggests an "instrument of attack" being used upon David by a trusted friend. Many believe David was writing about Ahithophel, his trusted advisor. We see in this relationship a foreshadowing of what would be the ultimate fulfillment of the Psalmist's words—Judas in the betrayal of Jesus.

Many NT passages are sometimes referenced as allusions to Psalm 41:9 (Matt. 26:23; Mk. 14:18; Lk. 22:21; Jn. 17:12; and Acts 1:16). I agree that in most all of these, there is an obvious allusion to Psalm 41:9.

There is one passage that appears without doubt to be a NT writers allusion to Psalm 41:9. This passage is John 13:18 and it reads, "I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me."

God who inspired the writers of the OT and NT chose approximately 1000 years before the time of Christ to foreshadow a relationship that would be used by Christ to speak of the one who would betray Him. As sorrowful as the messages of both passages may be, they also highlight the great power of a God who has always been in control of the affairs of Earth.

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Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack



Words cannot express what the congregation at E'town means to our family. You have helped us in so many ways not only monetarily, but most importantly through your love, kind words, encouragement, concerns and prayers. You will always hold a very special place in our hearts, as we hope we will in yours. Thank you so much for the kind "send off" at the potluck and especially for the money tree. The extra money will definitely be helpful with the moving expenses. We love you so much.

Ray, Kay, Stephanie and Lauren Pack



A friendly reminder to each of you. The sign up sheet to host 2010 monthly youth devotionals is posted on the bulletin board in the north hall. Only four families have signed up so far. These gatherings are a wonderful time to get to know our young people. You will enjoy a short devotional period followed by a time of fellowship. All you need to do is sign up and Terry Nowland will handle the details. Don't lose out by not signing up.



Please keep those traveling to Freed Hardeman this weekend in your prayers.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *A Treasurer Finds the Greatest Treasure, Acts 8:26-40*

P.M. — *Little But Wise Proverbs 30:24-28*

A Question Asked

The following is an answer to a question I was asked; it is not in the format of a regular bulletin article.

Based upon Acts 26:23, please explain where in the OT it reads that "Jesus was the first to rise from the dead (NKJV)?"

The fact that you are unable to find much written on this passage (Acts 26:23) is not a surprise. Often when writing a person will not want to put something down that is wrong and so rather than answer the question, they observe the "Passover"...in other words they simply Passover what the text says because they do not have an answer.

First we have to examine what is being stated by Paul in Acts 26:23. Start with the easy part...the idea of "first" is used not in the sense of sequential (not first in the sense of first, second, third...etc). It is used in the sense of preeminence (Col 1:18)...."something about it that makes it greater than others who have done the same thing" is how I would phrase the idea of first. The Old ASV of 1901 translates the passage "...how that he first by the resurrection of the dead should proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles."

Second what is referred to as first in the passage? The Greek allows for two possibilities. The passage could refer to Christ's resurrection as the greatest of all resurrections in that he overcame death by rising to die no more...others may have been raised (widow's son and Lazarus) but physically died again. Jesus rose to die no more—He overcame death.

OR the passage could be referring to the fact that he would be the "first" to proclaim the light unto the Gentiles (again not that He would be the first to speak it, but in that His resurrection from the dead would give "teeth" to His message). In other words, because of His resurrection from the dead, He proved to be the Son of God and His desire that the Gospel be taught to the whole world (Jew and Gentile)...that light would be provided to the Gentiles...was the basis for the apostles message that they would proclaim unto the Gentiles. It was first in the sense that it was the "source" of the message that the apostles brought to the Gentiles...again this message being the "source" was founded and based in the power of His resurrection from the dead.

SO TO REVIEW...either Christ was the preeminent (first like Col 1:18) One who rose from the dead...unlike others in that He rose to die no more...OR His resurrection proved that he was who he said he was...the Son of God and as such was the one who was the source (first) of the message to bring light to the Gentiles (authority Mt 28:18).

Either way it appears to me that we are then dealing with Paul speaking of Christ's resurrection in general, not a specific passage that states specifically that Jesus was the first to rise from the dead. Even if it did indicate this, the word first again does not mean first as in first, second, third...it has to do with priority (first in the sense of greatest in some way).

Isaiah 42:6, 49:6 and Paul's use in Acts 13:47 all prophesy regarding the light being shown to the Gentiles. IF WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN ABOVE IS CORRECT, then other passages that refer to Christ's resurrection from the dead as being a special or significant resurrection (in the sense that it would be like no other before it), would apply and I can find references to Scriptures from both Moses and the Prophets (and the writings) which would indicate Jesus would raise from the dead.

The first was written by Moses and is found in Genesis 3:15...the fact that Christ "He shall bruise your head" is a reference to a "crushing blow that Christ would deal to Satan" coupled with what Paul said in I Cor. 15 about Jesus overcoming Satan and his power over death...seems clear enough to me to be a reference to Christ's resurrection from the dead overcoming Satan's power over man in death. Another is found in Psalm 16:10 ...God would not leave Jesus soul in the realm of the dead.

Isaiah 53:12 also implies a resurrection in that it ends with "He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." He bore the sin on the cross, but he made intercession for the transgressor as our High Priest. In order to fulfill this role, Jesus had to rise from the dead and ascend into heaven (the Holy of Holies) to offer His blood as a once for all sacrifice for our sin. Thus the resurrection is implied.

I also wonder if it is worthy of note that the passage says these are things "spoken" by Moses and the prophets...not necessarily "written by the prophets". Seems likely that if many things Jesus did and said were not recorded (John 20:30-31) that such could also be the case with the prophets. In other words, God would only have written what we needed and not all that they said.

*John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY*

News and Notes

KAY THOMASON had follow up doctor visits and tests this week at James Graham Brown Cancer Center in Louisville. **MICHAEL CLYMER**, Angie Carter's dad, continues to deal with very serious health problems. **LAURA CARSON**, Jon Walker's sister, will have surgery September 22 in California. **JANICE HARDIN** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery July 24 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. **DORSEY MORROW**, Michael Morrow's dad, is scheduled to have a stint and possible bypass surgery September 24 in Alabama. **ADRIAN PRICE** leaves Thursday to travel to Ukraine for mission work and will return October 13.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	Tom Morgan
Betty Addington	Andy Nevins
Neil Burden	Caroline Pence
Dana Fox	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Kay Thomason
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Kent Lane	Lonnie Underwood
Diane Lewis	Dorothea Weaver
J Martin	Lawrence Wells
Carl Mercer	Jim White

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Robert E. Wooten, Kelly Leverett, Korry Leverett (Iraq), Joe Betterton, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, Cody Hutson, Dan Sloat, Gregory Stack

Additional Prayer List: Yvonne Barclay, John D. Board, Priscilla Boyd, John Bryant, Porsche Bumpuss, Sue Cantrell, Elizabeth Cooper, Doug Edwards, Brenda Gaddie, Joe Gattis, Jesse Goff, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Ryan Hanson, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Betty Jabrocki, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, Mike Lane, Delbert Lasley, Lina Lee, Buddy Logsdon, Mary Montgomery, Robert Moyers, Joe Pawley, John Pawley, Rob & Kim Pell, Willie Pence, Judy Phillips, Steven Pitcock, Joe & Patsy Richter, Herlon Selby, Carlos Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Kirsten Webb, Kendell & Margaret Whisenant, Virginia Wiser, Sondra Woosley

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 09/20/09

Canned corn

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Lisa Treadway and her family in the death of her aunt, Weita Anderson, who passed away Tuesday morning. Her funeral will be held in Tennessee later this week.

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, visits, food, flowers, cards, emails, and transportation "including offers to provide transportation." I am beginning to feel better but I will undergo chemotherapy again starting October 6. Please keep me in your prayers.

Jim White

We want to thank everyone for your prayers, the food, the flowers and so many nice cards after Bill's death. Each act of kindness was deeply appreciated.

*Nadine, Joyce and Jimmy Fulkerson
and Barbara Sue Hornback*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **R.U.S.H.** at Freed-Hardeman University, **September 18-20**, for 6th-12th graders. Seven of our young people and five adults will travel to Henderson this weekend.
- **JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday night, **September 20**, in the South Wing. CSG #3 members are asked to bring desserts and drinks and CSG #4 members need to bring finger foods.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **September 27**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**, Sunday night, **September 27**, in the South Wing hosted by Mary Walker & Betty Bray.
- **YOUTH RALLY, October 9-10**, with Andy Robison, from Washington, West Virginia. Theme: *If I Had But One*. . .
- **FALL GOSPEL MEETING, October 16-18** with Dave Miller of Apologetics Press. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

OUR RECORD FOR

September 13, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	143
Sunday Morning Assembly	222
Sunday Evening Assembly	136
Wednesday Bible Study	14
Ladies Bible Class	124
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,243

**Elder/Coordinator for September
Mike Pence**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What bird does Jeremiah compare to a man who gains riches by unjust means?

Last Week's Bible Question: Who compared his days to eagles swooping down on his prey? The correct answer is Job, Job 9:26. Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Mary Walker, Katy Watson, Betty Bray, Joyce Pack, Rick Eiler, Bloria Taylor, Lorene Harris, Helen Raby and Edna Ashlock.

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.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sept. 18-20 — FHU R.U.S.H.
Sept. 20 — July/Aug./Sept. Birthday-Anniversary
Sept. 27 — Singing at Atria
Sept. 27 — Youth Devo
Oct. 6 — Tuesday Lunch
Oct. 9-10 — E-town Youth Rally
Oct. 16-18 — Gospel Meeting w/Dave Miller

1. Proverbs 30-31; 2 Corinthians 8
2. Ecclesiastes 1-3; 2 Corinthians 9
3. Ecclesiastes 4-6; 2 Corinthians 10
4. Ecclesiastes 7-9; 2 Corinthians 11:1-15
5. Ecclesiastes 10-12; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33
6. Song of Solomon 1-3; 2 Corinthians 12
7. Song of Solomon 4-5; 2 Corinthians 13

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