



# 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).

Although it is usually the latter part of the passage that is quoted by NT writers, it is the first part (in bold) of Isaiah 53:9 that we are going to examine together this week. Isaiah 53:9 reads "**And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death;** although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth" (ASV 1901). Matthew 27:57ff and also John 19:38ff describe the action predicted over 700 years earlier by Isaiah in the first part of Isaiah 53:9.

There are a number of items from the passage in Isaiah 53:9 that have to be considered before one can tell that the passages in Matthew and John are allusions to what Isaiah said. First, we have to note that the first part of the passage is not an example of Hebrew synonymous parallelism [repeating the same thought (synonymous) for emphasis sake] where Isaiah is writing of the wicked and then re-emphasizing the same thought by calling "the wicked" the "rich" in the next part of the passage.

One reason this cannot be the case is because the Hebrew term for "wicked" is plural, while the Hebrew term for "rich" is singular. Secondly, "a rich man" in the OT is not synonymous with "evil." Rather most who were considered wealthy were often godly individuals. The attempt to parallel rich with wicked, fails to find OT support.

The answer probably lies in an alternate translation of the original Hebrew. While synonymous parallelism is not supported by the Hebrew text, another form of parallelism very well could be supported by the text. This form of parallelism draws a contrast between the two lines connected in thought; such parallelism is known as contrasting (antithetical) parallelism. If it is the case that the writer was drawing a contrast, then the second "and" would be translated "**but**" and a singular (**rich**) could be contrasted with a plural (**wicked**). The passage very well could be translated as some have suggested, "His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death," or "they (those who crucified Him) appointed Him a grave with the wicked, but (God saw to it) he was with a rich man at his deaths (plural-physical and spiritual...separated from God or forsaken by God).

The sense of the passage is "they *intended* (by crucifying Him with two thieves, Mt 27:38) that He should have His grave 'with the wicked,' **BUT** God who was in control, reversed an evil plan; He saw that the Christ was with a rich man instead—hence Matthew 27:57ff and John 19:38ff.

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## 2009 Youth Rally October 9-10

### If I Had But One...

#### Keynote Speaker

**Andy Robison  
of Washington, West Virginia**

#### Schedule of Events

##### Friday Night

6:00-7:30 - Registration

7:30-8:00 - Singing

8:00-9:00 - Lesson (Andy Robison)

9:00-10:30 - Bonfire

##### Saturday

8:30-9:30 - Donuts/Registration

9:30-10:00 - Welcome/Singing

10:00-10:30-Keynote(Andy Robison)

10:30-10:45 - Break

10:45-11:30 - 1st Class Session

11:30-1:00 - Lunch (Provided)

1:00-1:15 - Singing

1:15-2:00 - 2nd Class Session

2:00-2:15 - Break

2:15-3:00 - Keynote (Andy Robison)

3:00-??? - Closing Thoughts

For more information call the church office at  
(270) 765-6446.

#### Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — Finally Brethren  
Philippians 4:8-10

P.M. — Help Me Go to Heaven  
John 14:1-3

## “Turnabouts” in Jonah

Early Jewish art forms depict a concept that turnarounds are within the book of Jonah. Jonah will begin the book with an “about face” that will not be pleasing to God. Jonah will later make a positive “about face.” Later still he will be upset when the people of Nineveh make an “about face.” Early Jewish art will depict Jonah going into the mouth of the fish headfirst; it will also depict Jonah being expelled from the fish and again he will be coming out headfirst. Such art is to depict the turnabout that Jonah makes while in the inward parts of the fish.

In the first few words of the book of Jonah, the source of the message of Jonah is revealed—the word of the LORD came to Jonah. Here we find the message from God revealed to his prophet. What was that message? The Hebrew word (*le mor*) is actually a word combining a preposition and the word “say.” Literally it is translated “to saying.” Often in our English translation we read “Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah, son of Amittai, **saying ...**” Some translations will simply read “Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, **as follows.**” The reason this is the case is that the Hebrew word (*le mor*) can actually serve the same purpose as quotation marks in the English language; thus the translation “as follows” conveys this concept with the word “*le mor*”.

What was it that God said to Jonah? Let’s pause just a moment and ask ourselves, what would be our reaction if the word of the LORD came to us “saying?” Probably like many today, Jonah did not obey what the word of the LORD revealed to him. God had literally told Jonah, “Get up go to Nineveh that great city and cry out against it...” The next verse tells us that Jonah tried to do an “about face.” It begins, “But Jonah got up to run away to Tarshish to get away from the presence of the LORD. This obviously was not a good about face. Jonah turned against God here.

If I told you it took Jonah being swallowed by a big “dog” (Hebrew word for fish is pronounced like dog) before he made his next “about face” would you believe me? As noted above, Jewish art depicts Jonah going into the fish head first and coming out of the fish headfirst. This depicts the turnaround that Jonah had while in the fish (female-perhaps suggesting “womb” and Jonah’s re-birth). At any rate the text records that he does have a change of heart. He is now willing to go to Nineveh—and God is willing to allow him to do so even after his initial disobedience.

Notice the message Jonah is to take this time though. Earlier he was told to go to Nineveh that great city and “cry out against it” (1:2). Here Jonah is told to go to Nineveh and “proclaim to it” (3:2). Did you catch that—Jonah obviously didn’t. In the Hebrew text the difference is very subtle (there is a change of a single letter from an *ayin* to an *aleph*). God’s message now is no longer directed “against Nineveh,” it is directed to Nineveh. God is the one who has the turnabout here—He changes his message.

The last turnabout I want to mention is the turnabout of the people of Nineveh. When God’s message came to them, they did an about face. They showed their sorrow and willingness to change by their actions. This was a wonderful turnabout that spared the people of Nineveh from God’s wrath—at least for the time being.

Remember Jonah’s turnabout we mention while he was in the belly of the large fish? From his reaction to the repentance of the people in Nineveh, it does not appear that his turnabout was complete. Rather than being joyous about their change, he was upset. This reminds me of what we studied the last few Sunday mornings regarding Luke 17:1ff and Matthew 18:15ff. Did you notice, Jonah was more than happy to accept God’s willingness to forgive him, but he was unwilling himself to extend forgiveness to his enemies in Nineveh, and he was furious at God for doing so! “Turnabouts” in Jonah—surely we can learn from just the few we have considered.

John F. Board  
Elizabethtown, KY

# News and Notes

**OLETA STRANAHAN** has been diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. She underwent tests this week to determine what treatment she needs. **KAY THOMASON** began another round of chemotherapy Monday. **GRACE SPEER** had an outpatient procedure at Hardin Memorial last Thursday to replace the battery in her pacemaker. **JANICE HARDIN** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery September 24 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. **LAURA CARSON**, Jon Walker's sister, underwent surgery Tuesday in California. **DORSEY MORROW**, Michael Morrow's dad, is scheduled to have a stint and possible bypass surgery September 24 in Alabama. **SUSAN DYER** has been battling pneumonia. **ADRIAN PRICE** arrived in Ukraine safely and will be there for three weeks.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

|                     |                   |
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| 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, Michael Clymer, 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 09/27/09

Canned pork'n'beans

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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. Girls are asked to bring desserts/snacks and guys bring soft drinks.
- **Amanda Dunleavy & Barry Barclay Wedding**, Saturday, **October 3**, at 2:00 p.m. here at the building. The congregation is invited.
- **TUESDAY LUNCH**, **October 6**, at noon, in the South Wing
- **YOUTH RALLY**, **October 9-10**, with Andy Robison, from Washington, West Virginia. Theme: *If I Had But One*. . . Continue to invite your friends to attend.
- **FALL GOSPEL MEETING**, **October 16-18**, with Dave Miller of Apologetics Press. Sermons will be presented on "The Silencing of God: The Dismantling of America's Christian Heritage." Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

## Help Needed

Our youth rally is fast approaching, and we are in need of volunteers. A sign up list is posted on the bulletin board in the south hallway for those interested in volunteering their time and/or cooking skills. If any questions, please see Terry Nowland.

## Gospel Meetings & Ladies Days

Several flyers announcing area Gospel Meetings and Ladies Days are posted on the bulletin board.

### OUR RECORD FOR

September 20, 2009

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Sunday Bible Study               | 116     |
| Sunday Morning Assembly          | 193     |
| Sunday Evening Assembly          | 138     |
| Wednesday Bible Study            | 118     |
| Ladies Bible Class               | 16      |
| Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783) | \$6,380 |

**Elder/Coordinator for September**  
**Mike Pence**

## Bible Question

***This Week's Bible Question: What king desecrated the tombs of Bethel by burning the bones on an altar?***

***Last Week's Bible Question: What bird does Jeremiah compare to a man who gains riches by unjust means? The correct answer is a partridge that hatches eggs it does not lay, Jeremiah 17:11.*** Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Mary Walker, Katy Watson, Betty Bray, Joyce Pack, Rick Eiler, Bloria Taylor, Lorene Harris 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:**

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

### **Tuesday**

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| Ladies Bible Class | 10:30 A.M. |
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### **Wednesday**

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| Evening Bible Class | 7:00 P.M. |
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- Daily Bible Reading Schedule**
1. Song of Solomon 6-8; Galatians 1
  2. Isaiah 1-3; Galatians 2
  3. Isaiah 4-6; Galatians 3
  4. Isaiah 7-9; Galatians 4
  5. Isaiah 10-12; Galatians 5
  6. Isaiah 13-15; Galatians 6
  7. Isaiah 16-18; Ephesians 1

- Sept. 27 — Singing at Atria  
 Sept. 27 — Youth Devo  
 Oct. 3—Dunleavy/Barclay Wedding  
 Oct. 6 — Tuesday Lunch  
 Oct. 9-10 — E-town Youth Rally  
 Oct. 16-18 — Gospel Meeting w/Dave Miller

## PARTICIPATION

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