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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's study is from Psalm 69:9 and both allusions in the NT indicate the Psalmist had the Messiah (as well) in mind when he penned the words through inspiration. Psalm 69:9 reads, "For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." John through inspiration writes, "And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up" (2:17). Paul would later write, "For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me" (Romans 15:3).

Psalm 69 (along with 22) are often noted as the Passion Psalms. Psalm 69 is the third most quoted Psalm in the NT. Though not exclusively Messianic, both psalms are quoted in the NT as being applied to Jesus.

John obviously focuses upon the first part of the inspired statement from the psalmist. Guy N. Woods makes an interesting comment in his commentary of the Gospel of John. He notes regarding the passage, "This action by the Lord prompted the disciples to recall and to comment on a passage of scripture found in Psalm 69. They had witnessed the cleansing of the temple with some trepidation; they were fearful that his exceptional action would result in his destruction by the infuriated Jews. It is not likely that at this point they were aware of his Messianic mission; perhaps they referred to the passage merely to identify this with David's zeal to advance the cause of Jehovah; and they wondered if Jesus would not arouse the same type of antagonism David did" (p.55).

Paul quotes Psalm 69:9 to show Christ was not self-seeking while He was here on Earth. In the Psalm, David speaks the words in relation to himself. He indicates he is bearing the reproaches of men, that if not for him doing so, would have been directed at God. Paul quotes the words of the Psalm but applies them to Christ. He has Christ as the one addressing these words to God.

As many of you know, the oft quoted passage of Romans 15:4 was written next by Paul to remind us to learn from the writings of the OT.

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Request from the Elders

Recently there has been an increasing number of children moving in and out of the auditorium during worship and classes. Some go to the restroom, some just get a drink of water and others just wander around — stop off at the nursery, etc. David Woodring, Roy Johnson and the other ushers cannot watch them or keep track of them outside of the auditorium.

For the safety of everyone, the elders would like to ask that any child (age 12 and younger) who leaves the auditorium during worship be accompanied by an adult. There are several safety and practical reasons for this that we will not cover in this announcement; however, if you as a parent would like to discuss this with the elders, please contact us.



Linda Taylor, a member of the Fort Gay church of Christ in West Virginia, was diagnosed in August with cancer. She immediately underwent treatments but after further investigation the doctors have found that the cancer has spread throughout her body — lungs, brain, eyes, spine, bones, etc. If you could send a card to her and her husband, Bennie, it would be greatly appreciated. Their address is P. O. Box 565, Louisa, KY 41230.



Watch your thoughts; They become words.
Watch your words; They become actions.
Watch your actions; They become habits.
Watch your habits; They become character.
Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

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Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *Identity of the New Testament Church*
Matthew 16:13-20

P.M. — *Practices of the New Testament*
Church, Acts 2:42-47

Some Sobering Thoughts for Writers

What an awesome responsibility falls upon those who teach God's word. This is true from the children's bible class teacher to the man who stands in the pulpit to the one who writes materials relating to the interpretation of Scripture. James clearly reveals the serious nature of instructing in God's word. In James 3, he warns teachers that they will have to answer for all they teach; they will face a "stricter judgment" (NKJV). I want us to focus our thoughts this week on those who choose to write material related to the Scriptures.

First consider the unique element of the preacher's pen. The written medium of teaching has been a blessing to the cause of Christ since the close of the age of Revelation (by Revelation I am referring to God's verbal plenary inspiration which guided those who wrote the Scriptures). Uninspired men have placed in pen their thoughts that have been passed down for hundreds and even thousands of years. Unlike other mediums of recording messages (tape, record, CD), writing has withstood the test of time. While this is a blessing in that the written record survives time, it should add to the responsibility the writer feels towards his task—what is written by one today, will survive for generations to come. In my mind, this thought "amps up" the level of responsibility a writer should feel towards his task!

Those who write material explaining the biblical text need to be cautious for other reasons as well. When others read after a writer in search of answers they can often see when the writer is stretching beyond the text. Any valid points made by the writer then are sometimes overlooked due to the lack of credibility that results from the overstatement of the text. The best approach is to examine the text, noting the limitation of the language and making application accordingly.

An examination of all of the words employed through inspiration is essential to any exegesis of the text. The fact that Paul, through inspiration, can claim verbal plenary inspiration and further buttress his case by arguing from a single word for a doctrinal position indicates the importance of the words in a text. Words make up the passage under consideration. It is from these words, that form phrases, that an understanding of the text must be derived.

Any approach to the text, other than a thorough examination of what the text actually states is potentially dangerous to the soul. If one approaches the text with a preconceived idea, and then manipulates the text to fit that preconceived idea, he has not looked to God's revelation for instruction; he has looked to God's revelation for substantiation of human thought. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man but the ends thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

Allow me to add to my thoughts, some things I had learned from an article written by Wayne Jackson on August 30, 1999 (see *Christian Courier* website for full article "Advice to Aspiring Writers"). In this article, brother Jackson provided some helpful thoughts. Consider what brother Jackson wrote:

If I have learned anything in more than a third of a century of writing—anything worthy of passing along to some aspiring journalist who might be interested—I think I would emphasize the following points.

- (1) As you prepare to write, do your homework well. Do not put words down just to see what you are thinking. Remember, the spoken word soon evaporates into the air (unless recorded), but the printed word can linger for decades. Therefore, research your topic carefully. Reflect upon it critically at length before submitting it for publication. Rework it. Ask yourself: will this article have enduring merit?
- (2) Do not hesitate to give credit for the source of your thoughts. This accomplishes two things. It points the serious student to other writings where more exhaustive information may be obtained. I appreciate those authors who have directed my attention beyond themselves to supplementary depositories of knowledge. It reveals humility.

I pray the thoughts I have written, as well as what I have quoted, will benefit all who undertake the sobering task of writing regarding God's word.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, Ky

News and Notes

LARRY CLACK is being evaluated at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota this week. **DOROTHY HAWKINS** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery November 4 in Louisville at St. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	Carl Mercer
Betty Addington	Tom Morgan
Neil Burden	Andy Nevins
Dana Fox	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Oleta Stranahan
Mary Ann Hardesty	Kay Thomason
Janice Hardin	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Dorothea Weaver
Diane Lewis	Lawrence Wells
J Martin	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, Laura Carson, Michael Clymer, Elizabeth Cooper, Bill Cyrus, Doug Edwards, Brenda Gaddie, Joe Gattis, Jesse Goff, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Ryan Hanson, Ginell Harris, Louie Hodge, Betty Jabrocki, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, Mike Lane, Delbert Lasley, T. L. Lewis, Buddy Logsdon, Sherry Marcum, Mary Montgomery, Dorsey Morrow, Robert Moyers, Joe Pawley, Willie Pence, Judy Phillips, Steven Pitcock, Joe & Patsy Richter, Herlon Selby, Carlos Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Florence Stull, Jeff Stull, Ryan Tade, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Kendell & Margaret Whisenant, Virginia Wiser, Sondra Woosley

Pantry Items of the Week

Week of 11/01/09—Canned pork'n'beans, peanut butter and soup

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Allen & Mary Woodring and Charles & Janice Hardin in the death of their brother-in-law, Shafter Watts. His funeral was held Tuesday here in Elizabethtown.

Also, our sympathy is expressed to the family of Don Hatcher, who attended services here. Mr. Hatcher's funeral was held Saturday in Horse Cave.

Addresses

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **5th GRADE & UNDER:** Meet at Rineyville Blooms on Saturday, **October 31**, at 12:00 noon for pumpkin decorating and a corn maze. This activity will be cancelled if it rains and will not be rescheduled.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**, Sunday, **November 1**. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER CANDY SWAP**, Sunday, **November 1**, at the home of Jason & Carrie White after morning services. Children can bring their candy to swap with their friends. Each family is asked to bring chips or soft drinks. The Whites will provide hot dogs, buns and chili. Please see Monica Bybee or Carrie White if you have any questions or need directions.
- **TUESDAY LUNCH, November 3**, at noon in the South Wing.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **November 9**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **LADIES RETREAT, November 13-14**, at White Mills Camp. Topic: Attitude With A Smile. A sign up sheet is on the table in the lobby along with information packets. Cost is \$25. Registration fee can be given to Brenna Board or Kim Whobrey.

OUR RECORD FOR

October 25, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	144
Sunday Morning Assembly	221
Sunday Evening Assembly	151
Wednesday Bible Study	118
Ladies Bible Class	No Class
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$7,055

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: The body of a dead man came to life when it touched the bones of an Old Testament prophet. Who was the prophet?

Last Week's Bible Question: What deliverer of the Israelites was left handed? The correct answer is Ehud, Judges 3:15. Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Joyce Pack, Rick Eiler, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson, Bloria Taylor, Helen Raby and Edna Ashlock.

*Please write down your answer and put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to **chofchrist@windstream.net** 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.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule
1. Jeremiah 23-24; 2 Timothy 2
2. Jeremiah 25-26; 2 Timothy 3
3. Jeremiah 27-28; 2 Timothy 4
4. Jeremiah 29-30; Titus 1
5. Jeremiah 31-32; Titus 2
6. Jeremiah 33-35; Titus 3
7. Jeremiah 36-37; Philemon

Oct. 31 — 5th Grade & Under, Rineyville Blooms
Nov. 1 — Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 1 — 5th Grade & Under, Whites
Nov. 3 — Tuesday Lunch
Nov. 9 — Church Workers Workshop
Nov. 13-14 — Ladies Retreat, White Mills

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