

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: Charles Berryhill

On the Table: Head - Josh Berryhill  
Servers - Ralph Burleson  
Gary Addison  
Lannie Key

Closing Prayer: Leonard Key

Preparing the Lord's Supper: Katie Berryhill

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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# What Would You Ask Of God?



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Beacon*



**When You Don't Know What to Do**

By Roby Ellis

*And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? (2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 20:6-7)*

*O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. (2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 20:12)*

The events of this text happened around 850 BC, during the reign of Jehosphat in Judah, probably just after the death of Ahab in Israel. The conflict Judah was facing was the first with which they had been threatened in quite some time, for “the land was quiet” (2 Chronicles 14:1) during most of the 41 years of Asa, Jehoshaphat’s father. This period of peace continued through much of the reign of Jehoshaphat. In this text, Judah is being threatened by the Moabites, the Ammonites, and the Edomites, who have joined forces against them. Realizing that this force is too great for them to overcome by their own power, the king assembles Judah for prayer, not knowing what to do. Most of us can sympathize, having found ourselves in situations in which we didn’t know what to do. What can we do in these situations?

What did other faithful men and women do in the past? When Joseph was sold by his own brothers into slavery, he was faithful in all his dealings with his captors and his fellow prisoners, and God exalted him above all Egypt in time. With the sea before him and the Egyptians behind him, Moses found himself at the head of a band of disorganized, unarmed, and desperate fugitives, but when he looked to God for salvation, God showed it to him. When David was running for his life from Saul and was betrayed even by the people of his own tribe, he poured out his heart to his God, in Whom he found deliverance and by Whom he was exalted over all his people. When Hezekiah heard the threats from the king of the mighty Assyrian empire, he took the matter to the Most High, and God promised him protection and made the promise good. It is comforting to know that, even when we don’t know what to do, God does, and we can always rely on Him to bring us safely through.

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Faye Cotton: please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Lellie Dickinson: is recovering from recent knee surgery, please pray that she will make a quick and full recovery

Barbara Wilkinson: is recovering from recent hernia surgery, please pray that she will make a full recovery and have not further trouble

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Carolyn Weatherly: is at home recovering from recent stroke, please keep her and Gary in your prayers

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

Don Lawrence: recovering from recent knee surgery, pray that he makes a full and quick recovery

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law} he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

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Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Jamie Long: his liver is failing him and he is on the list to receive a liver transplant, please be keeping him in your prayers

Frances Booth (Tanya’s Mother-In-Law): diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, please keep her and her family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meal	
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Bowl { Whitehouse }	2:00 pm

What did Jehoshaphat do when he didn’t know what to do? First, he assembled all of God’s people to pray (2 Chronicles 20:3–4). Too often we choose to retreat into isolation in times of distress instead of surrounding ourselves with brethren who would offer their prayers and support. Next he prayed for God’s assistance (vss. 5–12). Many heavy hearts have been lightened by an hour in prayer, and the king recognized that he and his people had no strength against this enemy. We must never under-estimate the power of prayer. After this, the king patiently waited for heaven’s response, which echoed that given to Moses by the sea: “Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.... You will not need to fight in this battle.... Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord” (vss. 15, 17). Encouraged by God’s revelation and the king’s faith, the people worshiped as they saw the enemy approaching (vss. 20–21), and as they did, they saw their enemies turn upon one another (vss. 22–23). When the battle ended, God gave the spoil to the Jews in quantities so great that it took them three days to carry it all away (vss. 24–25)!

In times of greatest distress, sorrow, and fear, we can see God’s power and benevolence greater than at any other time. They are times like these when we learn how dependent we are on our God. When the time comes that you find yourself powerless and just don’t know what to do, don’t let the power of the storm (Matthew 14:30) or the noise of the battle overthrow you, but put your eyes upon the Lord; He is still able to deliver thee!

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### If You Were to Ask God for One Thing...

By David Sproule

We've all heard the stories about a genie offering to grant wishes, and most of us have probably spent time imagining what wishes we would make. While genies are, of course, imaginary and fanciful creations of some clever minds, there is a story in the Bible about God asking a man what he wanted.

In 1 Kings 3, "the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night" (3:5). Some translations have the words of God on this occasion as a statement of instruction—"Ask what I shall give thee" (KJV); "Ask for whatever you want me to give you" (NIV). I like the way the New King James Version translates it as an exclamation, followed by a question—"Ask! What shall I give you?"

Forget the imaginary genie! This is the Almighty God! Suppose the Almighty God said to you, "Ask! What shall I give you?" For what would you ask? If the One with whom all things are possible told you to "ask for whatever you want," what one thing would you request?

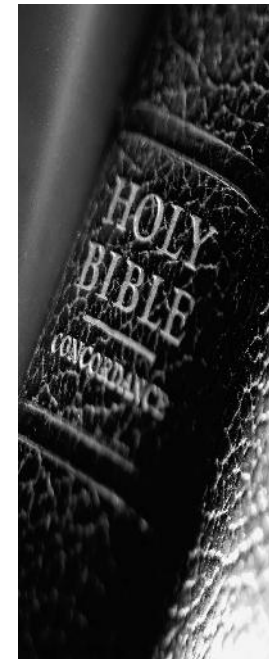
Some would ask for wealth or material possessions. Let's face it, many are living today with their lives focused on the goods of this world, and that would, no doubt, be the one thing they asked of the Lord, if given the chance. Later in life, Solomon petitioned the Lord, "Give me neither poverty nor riches—Feed me with the food allotted to me" (Prov. 30:8). Perhaps contentment should be the request we make (Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:6-8; Heb. 13:5).

Some would ask for a long life with perfect health. Many today would love nothing more than to live as long as possible on this earth, enjoying every pleasure the world affords. While there is certainly nothing wrong with a long life on this earth, our eternal life in our eternal home should be the focus of all we do, and that should dictate how we live this temporary life in this temporary world (Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Pet. 2:11-12; Heb. 11:13-16).

When he could ask for anything, Solomon asked for wisdom to discern good from evil. Sin results when we choose evil instead of good. Shouldn't it be of foremost importance to us to know good, to know evil and to know the difference, so that we do not choose actions, thoughts or words that would separate us from God?

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5). Ask God for wisdom!

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### *The Bible*

- ✓ is God's own letter to man.
- ✓ is the source of our information concerning eternal life
- ✓ is our guide for daily living
- ✓ is the final word in matters of religion
- ✓ tells of the truth which will set us free from sin
- ✓ gives me strength and comfort
- ✓ tells me how to live happily
- ✓ is the center of our education

With such a book as this available to us, we certainly should be diligent to know its contents. Are we studying the Bible?