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Please remember to pray for the sick. Mark 6:46 says, "And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray."

# BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER Activity

"Is there no balm in Gilead, Is there no physician there? I wrote as I mourned for Israel, For the Lord they no longer care."

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

[Riddle by John K. Wills]

#### NEWS

• Welcome!

- Our hearts were made to rejoice this past Wednesday, October 25, when David Taylor repented of his sins and confessed his sins. Please remember to encourage him as he has rededicated his life to the Lord.
- Our hearts were made to rejoice this past Wednesday, October 25, when Roger Hensley repented of his sins and confessed his sins. Please remember to encourage him as he has rededicated his life to the Lord.
- Thanks to all who brought items for the Fall Food Drive for Tennessee Children's Home. A representative from there picked up the supplies this past Tuesday.
- This week's pantry item is coffee. Help us to restock our pantry.
- Please keep Brandon, Kaci, and Elijah Stubblefield in your prayers. Recently, Brandon was sent to Germany as a United States Military Soldier.
- Happy Birthday to Julie King, who celebrates on Friday, November 3!

### "BUT THEY MOCKED: PART 2" BY: DENVER THOMAS

Think about how man has taken God's Holy Word and perverted it to allow for thousands of so-called faiths. The unity characteristic of God's plan of salvation has been lost in these so-called faiths. It seems there is an attempt to provide something for everyone. In recent years there has been a proliferation of versions, revisions, editions, etc. of the Bible, largely created by sectarian councils. So, they have mocked God.

Think about how those who claim some allegiance to the Lord's church have violated His Word by corrupting worship. Some have added choirs and mechanical instruments to singing. Some are now using women in leadership roles and some are offering communion in various ways; and, on alternate days. Worship "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24) has been lost in many instances. It seems God's way is simply not adequate for some. They have mocked God.

Think about church oversight and its performance today. In so many instances, elders in the Lord's church have ceased to feed the flock (Acts 20:28). Instead, they are heard to say "That is why we hire a preacher." Further, they have allowed situations within congregations to continue to exist that are contrary to "sound doctrine" (1 Tim. 1:10). Purity is sacrificed in favor of greater attendance. It's the fear of seeing numbers shrink that so often lies at the root of this situation. So, they just mock God.

Think about what people are seeking. More and more, congregations are now demanding their preachers have those distinguishing capital letters following their names. It seems they want a lot more than just the Bible and what it has to say. Perhaps, it is that "itching of the ears" they have developed (2 Tim. 4:3-4). They just mock God.

Think about those whose responsibility it is to sow the seed of the Kingdom. Today's Gospel preachers have found numerous ways to avoid "going" (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15ff) and "contending" (Jude 3). It seems that keen desire to seek and save the lost of the world no longer exists. Furthermore, there is a lack of earnestly contending for the faith. Might they be saying "It is not worth fighting for?" Their general lack of action would certainly suggest as much. They just mock God.

In stark contrast, think about those many deeply dedicated (uneducated by worldly standards) Gospel preachers of just one or two generations ago. Did they labor in vain? Did all that "going into all the world" go for naught? Did all those debates defending the truth result in nothing? Was that fast growing church something that was really needed? Was that concern for "right" just make believe? Were those men simply misdirected? Are their efforts being mocked today? Yes, indeed they are! God was not mocked by their efforts! Surely, we need a lot more who would do as they did. Seeking the lost and earnestly contending for the faith would put the church in the forefront once again. Evil men would have some resistance with which to deal for a change.

"Times have changed" keeps coming up in conversations relative to the work of the Lord. What these dissenters fail to see or say is that man has also changed but God and His Word have not changed, nor will they ever change (Heb. 13:8). It is difficult to explain how some continue to look for different ways when the ways of the faithful men of the past were so successful.