

**Attention!**

**Upcoming Gospel Meeting:  
Starts next Sunday!!!  
October 23-26...Danny Linden  
Reminder: Hand out meeting flyers**

**Workday: Next Saturday  
Prep for meeting!**

**Important Goals in Life**

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39*

*“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.”*  
Psalms 19:14

**October Birthdays**  
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## **Thirty Seconds**

By Lance Cordle

Alex Trebek is a TV “icon,” “legend,” “stalwart”—you choose the description. For thirty-five years he has hosted the gameshow, Jeopardy. Jeopardy is that game that tests a person’s general knowledge of facts and world events, as well as how big a risk they would take on that knowledge. The unique format also forces that person to word their answer in the form of a question (i.e. “What is . . .”). Alex Trebek is the man that informs the on-set contestants as to whether they have answered correctly. His name is synonymous with the show and encyclopedic knowledge.

By the way, who among us has not sat down and watched a Jeopardy episode and shouted out the question-answer just to have the satisfaction of knowing how much we know? Or being humbled as to how much we don’t know?

Last year, Alex announced to the world that he had stage-4 pancreatic cancer and that he would immediately begin to undergo chemotherapy to treat the disease. He has been in “remission,” as well as in need of more treatment. He recently gave an interview on the ABC network, in which he thanked people all over the world for their outpouring of appreciation for him. He also revealed that he did not yet know when he would retire from Jeopardy, or who would be his replacement.

When elaborating on his inevitable exit from Jeopardy, Alex said that he had already spoken to his producers and had assured them of the amount of time he needed to say goodbye. I was quite astounded by his simple request. After thirty-five years and worldwide fame, all he anticipated needing and using to bid farewell was thirty seconds!

**Regular Meeting Times**

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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His simple plan and expectation should humble us all. Because, when it comes down to it, most of us have quite a pretty high view of our importance. Life teaches us (sometimes harshly) that there really is no indispensable man or woman.

I am reminded of the sobering message of Psalm 8:3, 4: *“When I think of the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you visit him?”* You might think of it in Jeopardy form: Answer: “The subject of the Psalmist’s wonder and amazement of God’s care in Psalm 8:3, 4.” Question: *“What is man?”*

### **Exceedingly Magnificent**

By Jack Critchfield

*“David said, ‘My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the LORD shall be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all lands. Therefore, now I will make preparation for it.’ So, David made ample preparations before his death.”* (1 Chronicles 22:5).

We see in the text that the temple of the Lord was to be *“exceedingly magnificent.”* God did not plan to build some shack or throw up a few bricks and call it His house. David spent the last days of his life gathering the materials together for the magnificent temple the Lord wanted built. The finished product truly was *“exceedingly magnificent.”* As the queen of Sheba observed, *“the half has never yet been told”* (1 Kings 10:1-7). The kingdom and the temple and everything about Solomon’s rule over the nations was exceedingly magnificent. However, we sadly know it did not last long. Solomon became a compromiser and presumed he could allow idols in his house without having any effect on the nation. It was not long before exceeding magnificence gave way to magnificence. Then on down to good until it became a nation that was called by Jeremiah a *“degenerate vine.”* When Israel and the leaders of God’s people stopped expecting *“exceedingly magnificent”* service to God and even started to take away from the glory of the temple to pay off the nations roundabout (1 Kings 14:25-28:15:18.19: 2 Kings 16:8-17: 18:14-16: 21: 3-7: 25:13-16: 2 Chronicles 24:7). Instead of a hallowed perfect place full of

exceeding magnificence and glory as the house of the Lord, it became a trading tool and was desecrated by God’s own people, long before Nebuchadnezzar pretty well finished the job in 586 B.C. (2 Kings 25:1 3-16).

Under Zerubbabel, the people returned and rebuilt the temple, but it was never again as it had been (2 Chronicles 30:23: Ezra 1:1-4: and chapters 5, 6). How did such a beautiful place lose its exceeding magnificence? The people of God began to compromise with the nations round about and to settle for mediocre service to God. They became satisfied with polluted service (Malachi 1).

### **Does God Expect Our Best? Can The Same Thing Happen to The Lord’s Church (Temple) Today?**

The Lord’s church is likened to the temple today in 1 Corinthians 3:16. God still expects His temple (spiritual Israel), to be exceedingly magnificent. One cannot help but be impressed with the emphasis God has always placed on service to Him and that which man offers to Him as worship and honor. God will not take even magnificent service; HE WANTS EXCEEDINGLY MAGNIFICENT SERVICE (Colossians 3:23). He wants the very best we have and will not tolerate anything less. Paul told the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 15:58, *“...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...”* God does not expect more than we are able to do, but He does expect us to do everything we have the ability to do and to give our best to Him.

Paul talks of our physical bodies as being the temple of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 6:19. God has given specific instructions on how we are to keep ourselves pure and holy. He expects us to do no less than obey His precepts exactly as He has given them (Ephesians 5:11; Galatians 5:19-26).

Considering these two examples, let us ask ourselves if we think God will accept us selling out and compromising with the world in any way? If He wanted His physical temple kept *“exceedingly magnificent”* then would He accept less of us today in the church?

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