

## Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy!

*By Pastor Don Ginkel*

A Church Membership Committee was examining a Lutheran (Methodist, Catholic, whatever) who wanted to join the church. One of the questioners asked the candidate: "What part of the Bible do you like best?" "I like the New Testament best." "What book in the New Testament?" "The book of Parables sir." "Would you kindly relate one of these parables to this Committee?" So the uncertain candidate bluffed his way as follows:

*"Once upon a time a man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, and thorns grew up and choked the man. And he went on and met the Queen of Sheba, and she gave that man a thousand talents of gold and silver and a hundred changes of raiment.*

*"And he got in his chariot and drove furiously. And when he was driving along under a big tree, his hair got caught in a limb and left him hanging there. And he hung there many days and many nights, and the ravens brought him food to eat and water to drink. And one night while he was hanging there asleep, his wife, Delilah, came along and cut off his hair and he dropped and fell on stony ground, and it began to rain and it rained 40 days and 40 nights.*

*"And he hid himself in a cave. And he went out and met a man that said, 'Come and have supper with me.' But he said, 'I cannot come, for I have married a wife.' And the man went out into the highways and byways and compelled him to come in.*

*"He went on and came to Jerusalem, and he saw the Queen Jezebel sitting high up in a window, and when she saw him she laughed, and he cried, 'Throw her down.' And he said, 'Throw her down out of there again.' And they threw her down 70 times 7, and of the fragments they picked up twelve baskets full. Now, whose wife will she be on the day of judgment?"*

Boy, oh boy, oh boy! You laugh, but really, how good is your Bible knowledge and that of the people in your church? Could you and they pass a simple test on the basics of Bible teaching? The best place to take care of this challenging problem is to get into a good, instructive Bible class. We suggest two right now: The **Adult Bible Class** on Sunday morning at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall and the **I Have Good News For You Bible study** on Sunday evenings at 6:30 also in the Fellowship Hall. God promises to make it more than worth your while. Hope to see you at both. – *Pastor Don (Adapt this for your newsletter or bulletin)*