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PAST REDEMPTION

Adapted

At the turn of the 20th century, the Niagara River of New York was a point of recreation for many people who enjoyed the outdoors. Boaters, anglers and swimmers plied the beautiful waters of this magnificent setting. Many people enjoyed memorable times with family and friends in the safe upper reaches of the River. They could take comfort in being far from the dangers that lay further downstream.

However in the words of preacher George Truett in a gospel meeting in Fort Worth, Texas in June, 1917, danger was in store for those who failed to heed the warning:

“Were you ever yonder above Niagara? If you have been, some hundreds of yards above that roaring, plunging Niagara, you have seen a strange sign, flung out on either side of the river, as the river rushes to take that last awful plunge.

You recall it as I speak of it. A plank with

three ominous words is flung out on either side of the river, and you are arrested as your eyes see those words - just three:

“PAST REDEMPTION POINT”

The meaning of the words is ominous and evident. Oh boatman, plying your little boat on the surface of that river, do not get below that sign! Oh canoe-man, floating idly and leisurely on the bosom of the river, do not get below that sign! For a little below that sign the river-bed falls, and the river rushes with the speed almost of the arrow let fly from the bow to take its fearful plunge over the awful precipice. Do not get below that sign. Somewhere in the journeying of a human soul there is that awful sign flung out: “PAST REDEMPTION POINT”. Soul, do not get into the current below that sign!” □

Watch LIVE!

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TRUTH

By Dee Bowman

Russell Lowell was well within the mark when he said,

“Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch over His own.”

We live in a world where truth has no real definition, where right is relative, where good wears a strange garment, and where wrong is held out as beautiful. It’s a strange world indeed.

The world has no conscience in this age. Whatever one wants to do, he can do it just so long as it doesn’t do too much damage to someone else or—perish the thought—just so long as he doesn’t get caught. What is advertised is pleasure, what is aggrandized is joy, what is honored is popularity. It’s a strange world, this one.

Values are distorted, worth is demeaned, morals are debauched, and, strangely, those who are supposed to be moral, those who are ostensibly the proponents for truth and piety, timidly look the other way, apparently feeling that if they don’t look too much, the evil won’t be as great. Or, worse still, who sneak a peek with some strange reasoning that it’s alright to sneak a peek as long as no one is watching.

Relativity has set in with a vengeance. Truth is not definitive. It is relative to what we want to do. Principles suffer the damage of moral pollution and we stand by unconcerned. Standards are no longer standard, precepts are no longer strong enough to hold back temptation, and regulations are only applicable to those who are moral fanatics, and, if we are not careful, we—those proponents of truth—stand by unconcerned. We have constructed a method of moral tolerance that allows us to do whatever we want and still be free from any invasion of conscience.

“The world had no consciousness of things not seen, no traffic with the eternal, no dealing with the undying

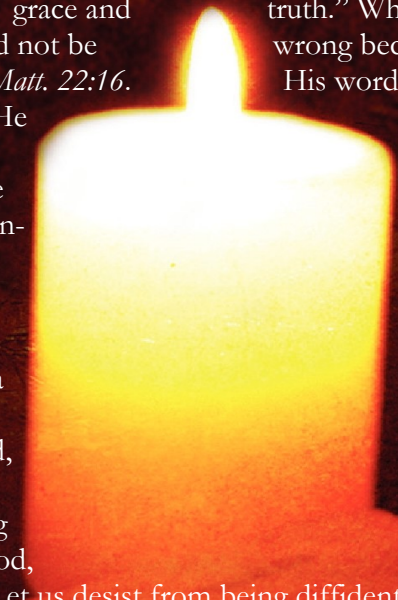
ages, no sense of God.” (G. Campbell Morgan)

Truth is either truth or it is not. Truth is neither relative nor is it tolerant of impiety; rather, it is objective, provable, reliable, and applicable. If not, we are miserable, wretched, and poor, for God will judge us by that which we cannot ascertain and condemn us by that which has no real meaning. If there is no truth, there is no God. If there is no truth, there is no true love, no real grace, no saving Jesus, no connection to the Eternal. If there is no truth, why bother?

God is truth. He is eternal, uncaused, and true in every aspect and by every standard of measurement. He never has offered to man some record of why and how He is, for He needs no vindication and He requires no proof. Nature declares Him (Psalm 19), salvation vindicates Him (John 3:16), man’s personal conscience validates His existence (1 Jn. 3:19-21). He is truth just because He is.

Jesus is the personification of truth (Jn. 1:14). He is “full of grace and truth.” What He says is true and not wrong because of Who He is, *Matt. 22:16*. His word is true, *John 17:17*. He is discernable, His word is applicable, His is able. Truth through Him.

In a world where indeed on the scaffold, where men regard what they say as being on a level with God, let us take a stand. Let us desist from being diffident or ashamed. Let us begin again to say—out loud—what we know to be true and right. Let us be those “who are of the truth,” those who will stand for right and make plea for the good, who will rescue the perishing and care for the dying, who will make time to tell the truth and who will make a life living it. □



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



One more time...

I will always be indebted to my brothers at Weatherly for both their understanding and their willingness to step in and take care of my duties when I am unable. Both **Will & Tommy** faced an unforeseen challenge last Lord's day because of the need for me to leave mid-assembly. I appreciate **Tommy Hill** for speaking "off-the-cuff" and for **Bill Thompson** who preached on one afternoon's notice! We're truly blessed to work among such understanding people! We're better! *Mike & Gwyn*

FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Bill McCord is on the mend after suffering an event that led to a fall at his home recently. He had been dealing with headaches for a few days afterward but those seem better now. Please remember Bill to the Lord as you pray. He wanted you all to know that he has the best neighbors one could hope to enjoy. They are ALL taking great care of him.

Jenny Jacks was unfortunately diagnosed with COVID yesterday. **David** is asymptomatic. They are home watching the stream today. Pray this will be mild.

Edith Turner had her second injection last week. She may be a little better. The first injection made no difference at all in her discomfort. We are praying this will help her. She wants everyone to know how much she misses you and how very much she appreciates your prayers for her.

Edith's daughter, **Brenda Bradner**, has completed the move to Huntsville. She will be liv-

ing at Fleming Farms on Whitesburg Drive. This is one of the finest facilities in the country. Brenda is in their state of the art memory care center. **Jim** was able to arrange a private medical aircraft with onboard nursing care for Brenda. That helped Brenda cope with the trauma of such a trip to Huntsville from Kansas City. Pray for Brenda.

Ruth Mitchell was back with us Sunday. We were very glad to see her. Prayers answered.

Please pray for the **Harbin family**.

Mechi Hunts' sister, **Zoila Herring**, is to undergo surgery soon. Pray for her.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, continues to have an interest in our daily petitions on her behalf.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette & Charlotte Hagewood.**

TODAY AT WEATHERLY

Sunday morning Bible Study begins promptly at 9:30 am. Mike will address the subject "Profile in Courage" in today's class period.

Sunday morning worship begins at 10. Mike is continuing his series, **Cultivating Culture**. Today we will be exploring "Cultivating Excellence." God desires His people to pursue excellence in our lives and service.

TONIGHT at 6 we will gather for **Bible Skillz** and our weekly open forum class on **Big Bible Questions**. We hope to see you all.

Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7. Mike McLemore will continue his June series on courage. See you Wednesday. ☐

"He Smiled!"

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During a terrible storm a small passenger ship rolled precariously in the roaring tempest. The furniture and anything else that could move was tied down, and the passengers were confined to their bunks for their own safety. Many on board thought the vessel was doomed.

Finally, a passenger who was determined to find out if there was any hope for survival, set out to see the one who was in command. Clinging to the walls and handrails, he made his way to the wave-lashed deck, up a ladder, and into the wheelhouse. He noticed that the ship was nearing land and was between some jagged rocks. It became apparent that the captain was trying to reach the safety of a calm bay up ahead. Knowing he could not make himself heard above the roar of the wind and waves, the captain just turned wordlessly to the worried passenger and smiled. Reassured, the man returned to the others and said, "Don't be afraid. All is well. I've seen the captain's face, and he smiled!"

When we are battered by the storms of life, we may be tempted to give in to feelings of hopelessness. But if we will look to our sovereign Captain, *Heb 2:10* and commit our way to Him, *Psa 37:5*, we will find peace even in the midst of great turmoil. We can trust Him to bring us through the storm *Mark 4:36-41*. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Kirk Hatcher **David Jacks**
Hill Roberts **Collis Terry**
Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, June 26

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Lord's Table Lead: **Marty Hunt**

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Philippians 1:3-11
Cultivating Excellence
Closing Prayer: **Bill McCord**

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Marty Hunt**
Closing Prayer: **Dwight Ivey**

Wednesday, June 29

Songs Leader: **Bill Thompson**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Phillip Dill**

Sunday, July 3

Tommy Hill
David Jacks
Bill Thompson
Phil Shaver

Ephesians 5:25-27
Mike McLemore
Cultivating Integrity
Steve Hagewood

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
David Jacks
Will Starks
Kirk Hatcher

Wednesday, July 6

Collis Terry
Mike McLemore
Dwight Ivey

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes June — September 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Lessons for Today from the Exodus
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Exodus
Mike McLemore

Serving in July

Serving on the Lord's
Table AM & PM
** Overseer

** **Phil Shaver (7-3), Phil Furlough (7-10),
Ed Dill (7-17), Steve Hagewood (7-24), Tommy Hill (7:31)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

TBA

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS



6-26	Keion Godette	6-30	Susan Hand
7-3	Leslie McCary	7-10	Will Patrick
7-19	Jim Ehl	7-19	Peggy Shelton
7-27	Donna Godette	7-29	Mike McLemore
7-31	Phillip Dill		

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