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Sunday, July 28, 2024 - Time: 10:00 am



Church School Lesson: “Expectant Watchfulness” Scripture Reading: Psalm 130

Key Text: “Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.” Psalm 130:7 **Happy Birthday!** Sis. Lucille Hudson & Sis. Danita Wilbanks

Summary of the Lesson: When we look at our world today, there are reasons to be fearful; to be distrustful of one another; to doubt the good that exists. We see violence as an everyday occurrence. We see what discrimination of all kinds has brought to every phase of our lives. Those whom we expect to speak for us appear to have strayed away from the voices of the people. Modern technology, with all its advantages, has brought us closer to the evil that exists in the world. The medical community advises us of ever new strains of viruses and plagues. It appears that we are moving away from what God has called us to and His desire for us to be. The psalmist expresses his hopeless condition but also expresses his need for God. He needs help! He wants God to listen; pay attention to his cry for help. One of the issues in this Psalm is whether we can hold on until help comes. Can we patiently wait on God? Surely during seasons of affliction, patience is put to the test, yet as we take advantage of two other components, hope and prayer, that will enable us to experience patience even in life's most difficult times. There are lots of things in our world that can easily contaminate and damage our spiritual lives and our relationship with God and others. We need to take serious measures to avoid sin, but if we do fall to temptation, we must be careful not to simply cover up our wrongdoings as though they are not there. The psalmist called out to God for help. We must do that too, asking Him for mercy and forgiveness. The attempts of humankind to try to hide faults and guilt are not something that only exists in our world today. It is a problem that goes back to the beginning of humanity, when Adam and Eve tried to hide the fact that they had disobeyed God. I don't know what the psalmist's affliction was, but he knew enough about God to want to talk to Him. There are times when we find ourselves in that space and we want God's attention. Be assured that God desires to listen to our sincere prayer for help and He will respond. We must also know that God's timetable is not like ours. So, when we perceive a lack of an answer from God, it does not mean He has not heard or has no intention of acting. Waiting for an answer from God can be frustrating and patience is not one of our strong points. Life is filled with challenges that tempt us to give up and walk away from it all. Yet I wonder how often we miss out on blessings that God intended for us when we do? A far better choice is to follow His guidance and allow Him to produce the results of His choosing and in the way He desires. While God does not ignore our wrongdoing altogether, He does engage with mankind to reform lives. This Psalm speaks to faith that involves waiting for God's grace to make itself known. During such a time, a person may doubt God's ability or willingness to save; may question the integrity of others; may even lose self-respect. Waiting for salvation challenges every fiber of a person's being. Yet, the challenge itself strengthens faith in the long run. This Psalm makes clear that trust in God does not come without some doubts. The spiritual challenges we face become opportunities for grace. This Psalm shares with us an important truth about human beings: our profound need and desire for God's presence. Whatever situation you find yourself in, God hears the sincere and honest prayer and, more importantly, He will answer. Wait for it! "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12). Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY IS CANCELLED – Tues., July 30th and the month of **AUGUST** we will resume on **Tues. Sept. 3rd @ 7:30 p.m.**

Sunday, Aug. 4th we will have **Church School**. We will **NOT** have **Church School: Aug. 11th, 18th & 25th**
We will resume on **Sunday, Sept. 1st at 9:00 a.m.**

Sat., Sept. 14th “COMMUNITY DAY” more info to come.

Sun., Sept. 15th – Elder Stanley Hearst will be here to hold **our 2nd Quarterly Conf.** after the morning service.

Sat. Oct. 5th @ 12noon -**The Phila. Conference Lay Organization “Unsung Hero Awards Luncheon”** will be held at the Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd, Springfield, Pa., -**Bro David Goodman** is the Unsung Hero from LaMott. **All ticket and ad monies are due TODAY.**



Scripture of the Month: *"Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place," Psalm 91:8-9 NKJV*

Order of Service

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Isaiah 43:2)

L: When we pass through the waters, God is there with us. When we suffer and feel hopeless, God is there with us. When we are joyful and celebratory, God is there with us.

P: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated, God is there with us, always.

All: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us.

OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

- 1) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
- 3) Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

PRAYER 

PRAYER RESPONSE

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

DECLARATION Brother Robert Love

This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I can have what it says I can have. I can do what it says I can do. Today I will be taught the word of God. My mind is alert. My heart is receptive. I'll never be the same again. In Jesus' name. Amen

READING OF THE WILL

Old Testament-2 Samuel 5: 19-25 New Testament Acts 27: 33-43 The Gospel - Luke 2: 41-49

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Gloria Patri – "Glory be to the Father"

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

SERMON Rev. Dr. Louis P. Attles, Pastor Focus or Theme: "See Gods' Protection"

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THE PASTOR'S WORD/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ & WELCOME VISITORS

BENEDICTION "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"



Bro. Roy Moore, Sis. Danita Wilbanks, Sister Mary English, Manjula Jefpoul sister of Sis. Anirha Jefpoul, Sis. Lil Mellerson, Sis. Jackie Sewell's Sis. Virginia Braxton, Sis. Maggie Bullard, Family. Healing and Unity in our family and country, Bro. Leroy Williams, husband of Sis. Debbie Williams, Sis. O'Jetta Crosswell's Brother - Brewington W. Crosswell ESQ, and her Sister Dr. Elva L. Crosswell, Sis. Lottie Chisholm's mother, Lula King, Rev., Dr. & Mrs. Melvin D. Wayns, Sis. Deb Williams' Dad, family members and friends who are sick and have lost loved ones. **Birthdays or Anniversaries in July.**



JULY - Lucille Hudson 1st Delores Rollins 8th Analise Malcolm 17th Jacqueline Robinson 23rd
Danita Wilbanks 24th



JULY Pastor Attles & Sis. Kelly 20th - 22 years

