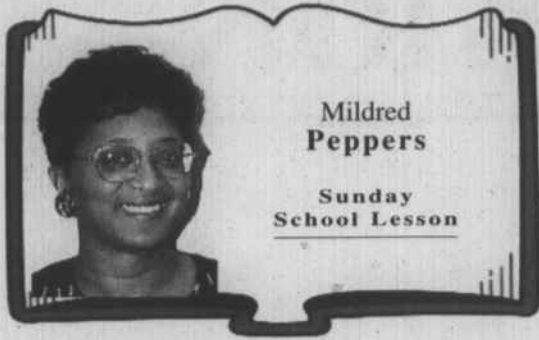


Acknowledge human unworthiness in the presence of God

Lesson Scripture: Job 38:1-7; 40:7-9; 42:1-6

Lesson Aims: To summarize a young man's observations, to understand God's response to Job, and to acknowledge human unworthiness in the presence of God.

Background: It is obvious that Job and his friends were locked into a cycle of accusations and rebuttals. There was a young man named Elihu (ih LIGH hyoo) in the visiting party. A keen observer, he broke their cycle and refuted all four of them. His elaborate discourses are found in chapters 32-37. Being very respectful to his elders, he informs them that he is about to speak and they should listen (chapter 32). His anger was aimed at Job's friends because they didn't answer him. Job didn't fare any better for Elihu was fed up with him also. The young man had a higher concept of God. Verses 18-22 suggest that he was compelled to speak (much like a prophet). In his first discourse (33:1-30), he urged Job to listen. He responded to



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Job's claims of innocence and that God is his enemy. Elihu pointed out that God is greater than man and therefore will not have an equal in anything! According to him, God spoke Job just missed it. The young man proposed that suffering was to teach not punish. Chapter 34:1-37, the second discourse was aimed at the three friends on Job's innocence. He denies that God is unjust! If that were the case, "the universe couldn't function" (New Jerome Biblical Commentary). God isn't subject to any humans! With that being the case, Job and his friends were rebuked. In Elihu's final dis-

course, his lessons continued. He taught them that evil behavior can not harm God and neither can righteous behavior benefit him. Both sets of behaviors influence humanity and oneself. Simply put, Job and his friends were accused of talking too much. The final argument ended by acknowledging God's character and taking the attitude that if "you don't understand-trust God anyway". (Richards' Complete Bible Handbook). Elihu's song completed the chapter. Chapter 37 proposed that finite humans couldn't possibly fully comprehend an infinite God.

Lesson: Job has called on God to vindicate him several times. He finally speaks to him out of the storm (chapters 38-41). Instead of answering Job's questions, God interrogates him. "Were you present at creation? Do you know your way around it? Job, do you know how creation operate and do you have the power to run it?" Job briefly answers God (40:3-5) by admitting his unworthiness! God challenges him once more. The Lord wants Job and his friends (us included) to see that they can

not speak for Him because they are mere men. Nothing on earth is His equal! Our lesson ends with Job's confession. He acknowledges the sovereignty of God and his rash statements. He repents and returns to right relationship with God. The remainder of chapter 42 records what the friends have to do to restore their relationship with Job and his renewed blessings and prosperity.

Application: Job's real problem wasn't his suffering but his belief that his righteousness put him beyond it.

With all of our good intent and actions we still aren't worthy to be in His presence! Job wanted God to come forth with an explanation. Instead, God revealed His omnipresence, omniscience, and omnipotence. What could Job do? Put his hand over his mouth, acknowledge God, and repent. Should we do the same? In our pain, disappointment, trials, and the like, we must learn to wait and trust in the all-wise God who never fails! Let's stop asking why. Consider asking "what am I to learn! See you Sunday.

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through. The church is at 1301 E. Belevs Street.

Reunion

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School and St. Ann's Academy class reunion will be held Aug. 7. We are looking for former students from any class. E-mail your name, current mailing address and

phone number to sds@btcm-law.com no later than Jan. 31, or leave a message with your name, mailing address and phone number at 725-1801 no later than Jan. 31.

Worship services

Judah Praise and Worship Center, 2411 Urban St., holds Sunday service at 11 a.m., Monday Bible study at 7 p.m. and Wednesday worship at 7 p.m.

Food pantry

Do you need emergency food assistance? R.I.C.H. Food Pantry can help. The hours are every second Saturday 10 a.m. to noon and every fourth Saturday 10 to 11 a.m. The location is 651 Akron Drive at Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church. For more information call 744-9293. Remember if you are in need of emergency food assistance, we can help. Senior Pastor is Richard Miller, Sr.d



Pastor Philemon A. Samuels and First Lady Gloria Samuels

Goodwill Baptist Church to hold its "Kingdom Builders service"

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Pastor Philemon A. Samuels and the Goodwill Baptist Church family is inviting the public to its Kingdom Builders Explosion Service.

The service will be Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. The church is excited to have as the guest speaker Pastor Derek Kelly of New Faith Full Gospel Baptist Church in Lexington.

Kingdom Builders is just one of the many out reach and soul winning tools that Goodwill uses to further the Kingdom of God. Dress is casual.

Goodwill Baptist Church is a ministry on the go. The church has active ministries that will meet the needs of the spirit, soul and body. Some of the ministries are as follows: Daughters of Deborah Women's Ministry, Mighty Men of Valour Men's Min-

istry, Singles Ministry, Couples of Destiny Married Couple's Ministry, Supersonic Sensational Seniors Ministry, the Joshua Generation Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Transportation is available to this event and to all church functions. For more information please contact the church at 336-764-3930.

Directions to Goodwill Baptist Church from Winston-Salem/Greensboro: 1-40 to the Peters Creek Pkwy ext. Top of the ramp, make right (Hwy 150 Wet). Follow Peters Creek Pkwy/Hwy 150 West into Davidson County. Approx. 3 miles past Hickory Tree Shopping Center, make right on Twin Brook Road (at the top of a hill, Masonic lodge on corner). Go one block to Goodwill Road, make right. Road will lead to church.

Carter ordained as deacon Jan. 25

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Earl (Butch) Carter will be ordained as a deacon at United Progressive Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 4 p.m.

The speaker will be Pastor Sam Hickerson of New Light Baptist Church.

The host pastor is Rev. Lewis E. Devlin.

The church is located at 1122 Quincy Caldwell Circle (E. 12th St. and Jackson St.).



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Church to spread black history during services

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Pastor Calvin Rannels and the First Calvary Baptist Church are extending an invitation to the public to the church's Black History Month Celebration. Black History moments will be presented during our 11 a.m. Sunday morning services the entire month of February. The church will share information about the great contributions African-Americans have made through the years. The church will also give recognition to

those making history today.

The five Sunday programs will consist of: (1) Opening recognition of African-American men and women (2) Education, medicine and religion (3) reading with a guest choir, dinner will also be served (4) Achievements by blacks in the world of literature, military service and inventions (5) the art of dance African-American style.

Pastor Calvin Rannels is pastor of the church, which is located at 401 N. Woodland Avenue.

Green Street to hold bi-lingual classes

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Starting January 25, Spanish and English conversation will be taught from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays at Green Street Church, 639 Green Street in Winston-Salem. Native speakers of each language



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will help each other, under the guidance of bi-lingual teachers. The registration cost of the class is only \$10, and each student will need a textbook, available through the class. Pre-registration is not required. Green Street Church is a multicultural United Methodist congregation at the corner of West and Green Streets. Spanish-language worship services are held each Sunday at 5:30 p.m., led by the Rev. Kelly P. Carpenter, Donna Bollinger, and Rhonald Robatty. For more information about the congregation and its outreach, visit www.greenstreetchurch.org

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Gospel music concert set for Sunday

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

An evening of gospel music will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. featuring the renowned St. Stephens Baptist Church Combination Choral Choir. The theme of the concert is, "In All His Beauty," with scripture reference from Hebrews 13:8- "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

The St. Stephens Baptist Church Combination Choral Choir was organized in 1964, under the leadership of the late Raymond Couthern, Sr.- a fellow Christian and well known singer of gospel music. With blessings from the church's pastor, the Young Peoples Choir began with only seven members which; however, quickly grew to about 40 eager and excited voices, for God. The members decided several years later to change the name to the Young Adult Choir, after reaching a membership of about 82.

"We'll All Be As One," was the choir's first recorded album. Over the 40 years, the choir has made numerous appearances on local television and performed at various gospel programs in North Carolina and along the east coast. The choir has been trained in the ministry of gospel singing

and is a former member of The Gospel Music Workshop of America.

Brother Southern worked with and directed the choir until his passing in 1993. Today, the St. Stephens Baptist Church Combination Choral Choir, is under the direction of Dr. Cecil Holland, Jr. Brother Jimmy Lowery is the organist, Brother Maurice Fonville is

the bass guitarist, and Brother Kevin Harris is the drummer. The president of the choir is Sister Bonita Woods-Wilson and Rev Joseph R. Samuels is the choir's pastor.

The choir features many talented and anointed singers who are devoted to their ministries. The choir believes that the Lord has given them a job to do and that job is to minister

in and through song to all. There ministry and belief have kept the choir grounded for many years.

This glorious evening of praise is once again sponsored by the Combined Usher Board of Kimberly Park Holiness Church, where Elder Robert R. Edmond, Jr. is pastor. Kimberly Park Holiness Church is located at 417 Lime Avenue.

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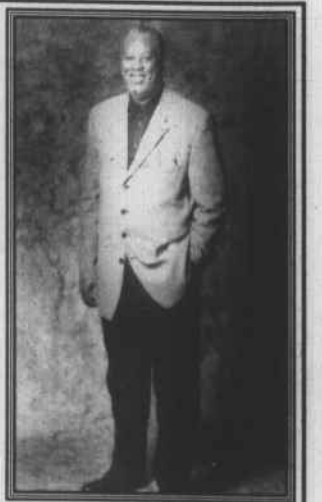
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