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MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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KNOWING THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

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If someone has been a Christian for any length of time, he or she becomes familiar with passages of Scripture that become particularly meaningful. Perhaps some of those passages have already come to your mind. For many Christians, Psalm 100 would surely be on the list. In my Bible, the theme given to this psalm by the editors is, "A song of praise for the LORD's faithfulness to His people." Unfortunately, there are times when God's faithfulness may seemingly be obscured by life's difficulties. I must admit that, as I experience the trials of life, I have a hard time seeing how God could possibly be showing His faithful-

ness, especially when all the evidence seems to point to the contrary. Often, I don't feel like making "a joyful shout to the LORD," or serving "the LORD with gladness" or coming "before His presence with singing." That's because feelings are unpredictable and constantly in flux. The key to worship and obedience when God's faithfulness is in doubt is found in Psalm 100:3, "Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people

and the sheep of His pasture." How does that help us? Regarding this verse, I heard a preacher once say, "We preach to ourselves what we know to be true about God when the feelings are lacking." In other words, knowing leads to actions which result in feelings. This is true about exercise, cleaning the house, going to work or school, or any number of worthwhile daily activities. It should especially be true for believers on a spiritual level. God is faithful, even when I don't feel like He is. He calls me to obedience, even when to disobey seems to come with so many more benefits. Daniel was faced with this kind of a dilemma when he became aware of the proclamation that no one could pray to anyone but the king or else face the lion's den. What would you have done if you had been in his shoes? Would you justify taking a 30-day hiatus from praying? Daniel's decision was easy to make because he was convinced of God's goodness and faithfulness. The foundation for his obedience was what he knew to be true about God. So was King David's when he wrote the one-hundredth psalm. May this be our testimony as well!



Jesus, Jesus, how I
trust
Him; How I've
proved
Him o'er and o'er.

Louisa M.R. Stead

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 OR 11 AM

Two in-person services take place in the auditorium. Services will simultaneously be live streamed in the gymnasium (no singing), or available to you at home.

- "ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY "
- PRAYER
- "COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS"
- SCRIPTURE READING: JUDE 1-25
- "INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY"
- "AS WITH GLADNESS, MEN OF OLD"
- SERMON: "OBEYING GOD RATHER THAN MEN" ACTS 5:29
- "BEHOLD OUR GOD"
- PRAYER

SUNDAY EVENING 6 PM



Pastor David Pruden, from Lighthouse Baptist Church in Edmonton, will present the ministry program, Freedom That Lasts® Canada, a Christ-centered, Bible-based, local-church-focused discipleship ministry to those enslaved in life-dominating sins or overcome by hurtful events of life.

COMING UP:

Next Sunday evening at 6 pm, Pastor Kevin will give an update on MBC missionaries and financial support proposals immediately followed by a Q & A afterwards.



GIVING

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ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING

Sunday Dec 13
9:30 or 11 am



A Christmas concert featuring the bell choir and musicians of Meadowlands.

Two live performances with limited seating in auditorium. Live stream available in the gym or in home.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM

Children's classes for ages 4 to grade 6 are available. Adults and teens meet in the auditorium for Bible study and prayer. For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What commands are given in Romans 13:1-7?
2. What reasons for these commands are given in Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:11-17?
3. How should we respond to authorities that are harsh, ungodly, unjust, or even unfairly target Christians? (Matt 5:10-12, 41; Mark 12:17; 1 Pet 2:18-3:2)
4. Are there examples in Scripture of those who disobeyed government authorities?
5. What is the biblical justification for refusing submission to an authority?
6. How should we appeal to authority? (Dan 1)
7. What attitude toward authority pleases God?