



Times Remembered Betty A. Young
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I have been contemplating building a sun room onto the back of our house. The house is part log and part western cedar siding. I finally decided to just do it!

A few years back we built a large deck onto our existing back porch; then a side deck and then another side deck that almost wraps around the house. Now we are converting the large deck into a sun room.

I have wanted a sun room for sometime because my living room is quite dark even with extra lighting. I listened to the guy who was setting our logs and did not install enough lighting. Lamps and just one overhead fixture in the cathedral ceiling just don't provide enough lighting for me. I want the blinds open, and a simple valance to allow the sun to shine in; I want to be

Building A Sun Room

able to see the trees, grass and flowers. Right now our place is really bursting with green and is so pretty.

After two months of planning and beating my head against the wall trying to get contractors to call me back to give me an estimate, I finally found someone that wanted to work. My pet peeve is someone that doesn't even call back or they take two or three weeks to call back. I guess I'm impatient but if I'm going to work for someone I believe you should spring in action and get going to try and get the job done. People complain they can't find a job; well in all my forty something years of working I never failed to find a job; you have to be accessible, eager to work, timely and punctual.

This past Friday and Saturday were challenging days preparing to build the sun room. We had a huge chestnut oak tree at the back left side of our house that had grown a huge arm on it that extended over the back porch roof and was close to my upstairs bathroom. We knew it needed to be cut but several people declined tackling it over the past two years; then when we decided to build the sun room we knew it had to go, plus a few other small trees would have to be cut. Much as we love trees we knew the tree was

probably unsafe.

Finally, a good friend of ours, Ray Walling who has a great deal of experience cutting trees said he would take the job. Ray said he had given up climbing because of his arthritis and employed a 30 year-old climber who did a great job.

He and his co-worker, Rusty began working on the tree on Friday. They assessed the location and strength of the tree, then tied ropes and come-alongs to pull the tree in the right direction to fall the tree. I was really nervous and I prayed for the Lord to watch over them and keep them safe and that the tree would not hit the house.

The most difficult work was the heavy arm (limb) that extending over the house. It had to be taken out piece by piece then attached to the come-along and guided safely by Ray to the ground.

After the huge limb was taken out it was time to cut the big tree. Ray said the tree was hollow and had been hit by lightning, but another person looked at it last year and said it was solid and he wouldn't cut it.

Ray and Rusty worked at notching the tree several places to make it fall in the right direction. Finally, it starting leaning and pressure on ropes took it down safely and it fell in the right place. The tree was hollow to the bottom; I was totally

surprised; it looked healthy and green leaves were forming on every limb but it was very dangerous inside.

It took a day and a half of nerve racking intense labor for those guys to take the tree down. They finished on Saturday about 1:00 p.m.

The building contractors are due to arrive in the morning (Tuesday) to begin the sun room. Our lumber was delivered this morning and everything is a go... I'm excited to get started.

We are lucky a storm never hit the right way to crash the tree into the house. I know the Lord was watching over us.

We live in the woods and we expect trees to fall and get disease but sometimes it is very hard to tell what's going on inside just like this one. Trees are a lot like people; many look good on the outside but what are they on the inside? Are they as clean on the inside as the outside? It's what's in our heart that counts. They say if you want to know what is really on the inside of man; just squeeze him and see what comes out. Many of us are great until something goes wrong; then it's a different story.

We must remember that God is always with us and he will give us the grace to get through the hardships of life if we only trust him.

Thank you Lord for safety... and thanks for Ray and Rusty!

Hear, OH Ye People

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In **Proverbs 22:20-21** Solomon wrote saying: "Have I not written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, that I might make known the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?"

An elderly brother by the name of Wendal Wiser, when someone was supposedly quoting the scriptures, would say: "Let me cast my eyes upon that." I'm sure his purpose was to see if it was in the Bible, and if it were he would only agree to the truth. I think we should all be like minded.

I want to write today concerning things that are certain.

(1) It is for certain that all of us are only living in a moment of time. Since we cannot reclaim one single spent moment and we cannot claim one future moment, so all of us have only the present time. In these moments we make preparation to live longer and this is necessary even though we all know we cannot know what a new day will bring forth. Proverbs 27:1 plainly says so. So I ask knowing this, have you used your time in preparing to live with our Lord in the future or are you ignoring this personal responsibility? The choice is yours to make.

(2) It is for certain that none living in this moment have seen one moment of the future, but the Holy Scriptures give of us a preview of coming attractions. David said of the psalms, "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." This is good advice for any day.

(3) It is for certain that the scriptures give us a preview of a day of earthly departure. Whether suddenly or slowly, it is one event that we will all share in. (**Hebrews 9:27**). Death is man's appointment. Death covers all ethnic, social, and financial positions. **Job 1:21** says: "Naked come I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return, the Lord gave and the Lord taketh away." So I ask, "Upon what are you basing the hope of your future?"

(4) It is certain that all of us will face a judgment day. II Corinthians 5:1 plainly tells us so. This will take place before the judgment seat of Jesus. We can choose to ignore this today but on that day there will be no escape.

(5) It is for certain that there is a place called Heaven. The bible gives certified testimony from His angels, His 12 apostles from Stephen in **Acts 7** as he lay dying, from Paul who saw our Lord in Heaven. **John 14:1-3** says it is already prepared for a people. Are you one of them?

(6) It is for certain that just as Heaven is real, HELL is just as real also. If one is eternal so is the other (**Matthew 25:46**). The rich man in **Luke 16:23** can tell us that moment exists for the unrepented and disobedient souls. Our Lord says in **Revelation 1:18** that he has the keys to it. Then after the judgment, all the unbelievers are cast into it. **Revelation 20:10-15** and others declare it.

Closing, how can one escape the damnation of hell? By believing and obeying the scriptures. Read **Hebrews 5:9-10** and see if I tell the truth. If we will repent of our sins, confess the name of Jesus before men, and to conclude our actions of obedience, be baptized for the remission of your sins. Then, and only then will the Lord put away your sinful deeds. Read **Romans 6:16-18**. See if I speak the truth.

Sincerely, Bob Casey (859) 369-4165

Seeds of Hope



"I do not know why God ever made me," he cried in deep despair. "God has not made you yet," said his friend. "He is making you and you do not like what is going on." That story neatly summarizes the tenth Psalm.

Whoever wrote this Psalm was asking the same question. "O Lord, why do you stand so far away? Why do you hide from me when I need you the most?" But is this a question or an accusation? If God is distant or hiding, could there be a reason? What is going on here? Is it God's doing or the Psalmist's? Who is responsible for the feelings of isolation or separation? Is it doubt or is it distrust? Or is it neither?

This Psalm does not end where it begins. It concludes with a bold proclamation, "The Lord is King forever and ever!" And a short time later we read, "Lord You know the hopes of the helpless. Surely You will hear their cries and help them."

Is God ever absent from the lives of those who look to Him for salvation? It surely seems so. When the ones who claim they do not need God seem to prosper and we who worship Him are forced to go without, where is He?

The author does not speculate about what God is doing nor why He does not respond to our cries immediately. He simply reminds us of the grace of God and that in His time and in His way He will hear us and comfort us. Our faith only grows through adversity.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lazarus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Job 40:15-24, what animal is so named that some believe it to be a dinosaur? Tygimoloch, Levaraptor, Memphian, Behemoth?
3. Who was stoned, then burned after taking silver,

gold and a garment from the destroyed Jericho? Joshua, Nathan, Achan, Shamgar?

4. In Mark 5, what was the name, for we are many, that Jesus cast out as evil spirits? Legion, Colony, Flock, Army?

5. According to the Proverbs, what type heart doeth good like a medicine? Warm, Beating, Merry, Young?

6. Shem, Ham and Japheth were the sons of? Moses, Noah, David, Solomon

Bible Trivia answers are at the bottom of Page 12

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