

Chapel 3-27-79 Ps.122 Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty

I would like to read Ps. 122-- from the NIV . . . .  
 (Psalm read) I think this Psalm is particularly appropriate today with the great ceremony of the signing of the peace treaty in Washington yesterday. We have with us a visitor today who graduated from the seminary after our first year of the seminary. He is now pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church in Hammond, Ind. with nearly 300 members. His being with us today is particularly appropriate because he has just returned from Israel. I understand when he started to enter that land they immediately became suspicious of him and spent many hours going through every bit of his luggage. He is very much aware of the present tension there. I know the Lord will give us a blessing as we hear a few words of greeting and testimony from Mr. James J. Horton, pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church in Hammond, Ind.

Horton: It's interesting that whenever a visiting pastor is here, Dr. MacRae still does what he did when I was here. He says a few words, and that always struck me as interesting. I was thankful I was able to be part of the first 3 years of this school and graduated with the first class that had gone for 3 full years here. It's exciting to be here; then to go on into the ministry. I'd encourage you that as you study here you make yourselves available to these men. I think back on 3 things that they taught me that have stayed with me.

The first is to dig into the original. I can dig into Greek pretty well. The other part I don't do so well. I got through by the skin of my teeth and I have very little of that right now. Hebrew is still my humbler. The original languages is one thing I've appreciated at Biblical.

The second: they taught me to think for myself. I appreciated that. Not just take something at face value because somebody says it's good. But think it through. Now as I'm working at my doctorate at Trinity there are a number of times when the men at that school and I don't always see eye to eye. I'm sort of a hyper to them. Hyper separationist. I'm hyper everything. So we think through and talk through everything.

The third thing I appreciated was the practical courses. I know it's always easy to poo-poh the practical courses. I did not exactly enjoy some of the classes. I still remember my lost year