

GOD TIMES V.4. Genesis pt.4 Sodom & Gomorrah, Joseph & 1951 trivia.

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You can ride high on a sea of good, positive, Godly thoughts, or you can allow yourself to get buried in an ocean of satans worldly lies, as it truly is a decision, which affects every aspect of life. Think how different your day may be if you got up in the morning with praise & thanksgiving in your heart, just because you can!

Choose to start your day right, no matter how you feel, as you do not have to live by feelings, you can live by God's truth & the fact that most of our day is lived in our mind. So if you feed your mind, brain & heart, positive lovely thoughts, every hour of every day, this would be 15,000 positive thoughts a year, going directly into your mind. But turn this around, to finding fault & problems with everything, as things are not as you like, or just don't work, or go right, in your eyes e.g this is bad, this is sad, I just don't know why? & keep bombarding your brain with so many negative thoughts, that it cannot breathe & then sit & wonder why you feel bad?

The answer is that no one can feel, or do better, if they are going to sabotage their brains with all his negative thinking, while blaming it on the world, or satan, as you hold the keys to your thoughts & it is time to take back control of your mind & positive thought patterns & give them back to God, who will guard, enjoy & build on them with you.

So, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. Cast all your care on Him for He cares for you. the God of all grace, which has called us unto His eternal glory, by Christ Jesus; after ye have suffered a little, will make you perfect & will confirm, strengthen & establish you. To Him be glory & dominion forever & ever, Amen.

1951 Trivia. (answers on pg. 5)

01. 1951 Braves & Dodgers baseball game was the 1st ever televised like this?
02. This self imposed 1st place at the fair, beer winner, had the 1st beer commercial?
03. This humanoid sci-fi film did not stand still & became a hit?
04. Bogart wins his only Oscar ever, for what movie?
05. Patty Page has this #1 waltz?
06. What new food storage boxes, started selling in living room parties?
07. Backseat bingo became slang for this activity?
08. Nat King Cole hit's #2 with this rememberable song?
09. The 22nd amendment to constitution sets this term limit?
10. Who's "One Lonely Night" book sold 3 million copies?
11. By accepting & trusting Christ as your Savior you shall Receive what?

Some other interesting trivia tidbits for the year you may remember?

Marlon Brando stunned audiences in a Streetcar Named Desire, did you ever see it? The 1st Jack in the box fast food restaurant opened, ever been there? Average years wages was \$3500, with avg. cost of a new home at \$9000. Turn signals on cars became an option, over hand signals. Alen Freed coined the term Rock n Roll, were you a music fan? What kind of music? Did your family like that new rock n roll?

Let's have some more fun looking back at how different things were back then, in your own social circle.

- What age group were you in, if to young use 1961 or '71? 6-12yrs, 13-17 18+ ?
 Was there much difference in the way people dressed, talked, carried themselves then, compared to now?
 Did your family celebrate holidays, were there certain traditions, or favorite holidays? Who did what in preparing for them?
 What was school like? How about the teachers? Was recess your favorite subject?
 What was your favorite pastime, hobby, or things to do?
 Did you work, have a paper route, have certain chores, get an allowance?
 What kind of a house, family, neighborhood did you grow up in?
 Did your family go to church, what were Sundays like in 1951?
 What were your favorite tv, or radio shows, or music personalities?
 What kinds of things might you do different if you could do it again?

Bible Study, Genesis pt.4, Sodom/ Gomorrah ch.19 & Joseph Ch.'s 37-50.

Here we come to a terribly sad account, that reminds us of how much God hates sin, as the wicked ancient Syrian cities of Sodom & Gomorrah, were destroyed by God, through fire & brimstone from heaven, in the days of Abraham & Lot, Gen. 19:24, due to wickedness. The wickedness of these & the surrounding cities is now used as a warning, to those who reject the gospel & will of God; God says that it will be more bearable for Sodom & Gomorrah, on the day of judgment, than for the unsaved, Matt. 11:24. The Lord told Abraham that he was going to destroy the cities, due to the people's constant disobedience & sin & God rained down burning sulfur onto the cities & everything was destroyed.

The next day Abraham saw smoke rising from the land, from where, he had made a plea to God, to spare the land if he could find 10 righteous people in the city, Genesis 18:23, but not any, who loved the Lord, could be found & the cities were destroyed. As Abraham looked over the devastation, he was awe struck by the totality of God's judgment; as all was destroyed, nothing survived, Gen. 19:25.

These people were wiped from the face of the earth, due to rebellion, Romans 6:23. This story is a warning to all, that sin must & will be punished. God is full of love & compassion, Psalm 86:15, John 3:16, but He is also Holy & just, 1 Samuel 2:2. God will not have anything to do with sin, so rebellion cannot be allowed, 1 John 3:8. A Holy God requires justice & His wrath used here, shows of the ultimate coming justice for the disobedient unsaved sinners.

Now this story is also one of God's mercies, as the righteous ones, even though few, i.e. Lot & his daughters were spared. God is loving, compassionate & full of mercy. But we can't ignore His holiness. Even though it may appear at times, that the wicked go unpunished; sin & judgment are inseparable & each will be dealt with by God, in God's time.

This story also represents future prophecy; as they were eating, drinking & living life their own way, without thought of God's warnings & then on the day that Lot left Sodom, it rained fire & brimstone & destroyed them all. These cities became an example of those who sit around, ignoring God's signs & who will suffer the eternal fire, in the end of days. It wasn't only the sins & perversions, which caused the pouring out of God's wrath, as the people were so full of pride & selfishness & unconcerned for the needy, Ezekiel 16:49, they rejected the truth & opportunity to reach out to God & as such were destroyed. The destruction of these cities should remind us of the cost of rebellion against God, yet also that we have a saving grace, as God sent His Son to bridge the gap, between His Holiness & our depravity & Jesus

paid the price for all sin, so that we could be reconciled to God. Joseph's betrayal in Genesis 37-50 starts a story of great redemption & forgiveness, as well as of the mysterious ways of God. Joseph was the most loved son of his father, Jacob (Israel), given the famous robe of many colors. When Joseph claimed dreams of his brothers & the stars & moon, bowing before him, their jealousy grew into anger & when working in the field, they threw him in a pit & readied to kill him, but instead sold him to a traveling caravan who sold him to Pharaoh's guard in Egypt & they gave their father Joseph's bloodied torn coat of colors, which they said they had found in the field.

In Egypt, Joseph had found favor with the top prison guard & was able to interpret the dreams of 2 prisoners, predicting that one would be put to death, some time later Joseph was called to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, which showed 7 years of prosperity & then 7 years of famine, which inspired Pharaoh to appoint Joseph as chief administrator of Egypt to start stockpiling grains for the coming famine.

When the famine hit in Canaan, Jacob sent his sons to buy grains from Egypt. Benjamin, the youngest brother, stayed home as Jacob feared losing him, as he did Joseph. When Joseph's brothers came before him, in Egypt, he concealed his identity & accused them of being spies & tells them to come back, with Benjamin, or he will not sell them grain. The famine forces Jacob to reluctantly send his sons back to Egypt, with Benjamin & they are unexpectedly invited to dine at the administrator's (Joseph's) house, who tests the character of his unknowing brothers by placing a silver cup in Benjamin's sack & accusing him of theft, while ordering him to stay in Egypt, to which brother Judah offers to stay in his place, which showed Joseph that he had changed & Joseph then revealed that he was their brother, which they had hated & sold into slavery. Joseph told them not to feel bad for betraying him, as it was God's plan for him to be in Egypt, to be able to preserve his family now. He told them to bring their father & his household to Egypt to live, as there were 5 years of famine left. Joseph supplied them with all they needed for the journey to bring Jacob back to be reunited with his son Joseph, Gen. 45-47. Despite being sold into slavery by his brothers, Joseph had remained faithful & trusted in God to deliver him from his tribulation, which He did.

This story shows how God's plan may not be obvious to us, but indeed "all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" So let us be inspired by the Bible story of Joseph & to remember to have faith through all trials, knowing that God will deliver us in the glory of His justice, in His time.

So this 1st book of the bible, Genesis, has shown the power of love, faith & rewards, as well as man's failings, disobedience & the consequences of such, as God is just & honest & must judge sin, as He said He would, but it is still His wish that all would trust in Him & that none should perish & so our adventure has just begun.

Think about the following paragraphs & what they may mean for you & how might you use them & where might you be able to share them?

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time, are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us, Romans 8:18, as we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose, Romans 8:28.

If given the chance; our daily thoughts & life's memories have the power to energize us & to lead us into joyful thoughts, through positive thinking, as we learn to focus on God's truth & love & realize His positive influence in our life, regardless of world circumstances & the negativity that it tries to press onto us.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns? or figs of thistles? Good trees bring forth good fruit, corrupt trees bring forth evil fruit. A good tree can't bare evil fruit, nor can a corrupt tree, bare good fruit. Trees that won't bring forth good fruit, will be cast into the fire. So by their fruits ye shall know them.

God says in 1 Corinthians 2:16, that once we accept His free gift of salvation we're given the mind of Christ, which gives us the power to maintain the same focus & values as Christ, but this free gift, which is offered to every believer, needs to be developed, by allowing God to take control of our thoughts; while reading & meditating on Scripture & spending time in the presence of God, while leaning on His love & promises. In other words, we have the power to choose which thoughts we will use & which we will discard & God invites us to focus on truth & love.

Trivia answers.

1-in color. 2 pabst blue ribbon. 3- the day the earth stood still. 4-african queen. 5- Tennessee Waltz. 6- Tupperware. 7- making out, kissing. 8- unforgettable. 9- president cannot serve over 2 terms. 10 mickey spillane. 11- eternal life!

Can I prove that God is real, absolutely NOT.

When asked if I could prove that God exists, all's I could say was, I absolutely know that He does; I have felt Him, seen Him, talked with Him, heard Him & witnessed His presence, signs & wonders so many times. So, I know that He is real & He is everything that He says He is. But my knowing Him, is not proof, for you, so I prayed about it & the spirit took over & blurted out, "absolutely not"? Which stunned me & then it was explained to me, why I could not prove to others, that God is real & is alive & well & in control. God tells us to prove all spirits. He also says that those who doubt Him; cannot see, nor understand Him & will not turn to Him for truth, or healing, as He has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, 2 Corinthians 4:4.

God only reveals Himself, to those who truly have faith in their need for Him; forcing none to believe, as He wants to be loved for who He truly is; a loving Father, not because of what He can do. So, to prove God exists, it can be done, but no one can do it for you. Only God can prove Himself to you when you truly seek Him. God says to test Him; So, tell Him that you don't believe & ask that if He is real, for Him to prove Himself to you & then be patient & prepare. Study the bible, pray diligently, talk to believers & prepare, as He is waiting for all to call on Him. God wants your faith, love & trust, as He wants to give you an inner life change, unlike anything you have ever imagined, as He does love & believes in you.

Open your heart, listen & follow His plans for your life & come to see how real He truly is. Open your eyes, heart & mind as God has revealed Himself in all Creation, in His living powerful eternal Word & in His Son; the Heavens proclaim His mighty works, Psalm 19:1. The universe, where He hung the Sun, moon & stars, declares His glory. So again, can I prove to you, that God is real, no but you can! just by asking, believing, watching & waiting, as He answers all who call on His name & the time is coming, when you will be glad that you joined, to worship Him; in spirit, love & truth.

God is real, He is knowable & reachable & waiting on you. Call on Him today & prove for yourself that He does indeed exist & does indeed love you & wants you as part of His eternal Kingdom, with Him.