

God Times V.10 Joshua bible study & 1957 trivia & more.

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We are in the field of sharing truth, love & hope & need the help of all who will spare a moment, to share & enjoy these pages, with family, friends & neighbors.

God Times is a Faith based, social, memory enhancement tool for Seniors, Veterans & disabled individuals, as well as all individuals looking for a daily lift in heart, mind & spirit, from some true friends in Christ.

We hope to assist all persons in need, including Christians & non-Christians alike, in realizing that we are never truly alone, in spirit, regardless of what our lying thoughts, beliefs & feelings tell us, as together we are strong & are not alone.

We are all navigating through this overly prideful, overly busy, overly self-indulged, broken world together & we will keep faith, patience & hope alive for all, including those who have entrusted their Spirit to an eternal loving Father, through Christ, as well as those who exercise their personal right to dismiss God & hold onto their personal beliefs, as we all have the right to be loved, regardless of each's own learned beliefs.

We Must love all the same, regardless of religious, political, other beliefs, or backgrounds, that we all differ on, as that's free will & the right to think & be different, while being friends, without arguing personal beliefs. You have your rights, just as I have mine & at the end of the day, it's not our jobs to judge each other. Our job is solely, about loving & sharing with one another, as life is much better, lived in peace with friends who think differently, than to be alone, like those who think that one way, their way, is the only way?

So let's respect each other's right to personal beliefs, while enjoying some social time & maybe learning some important truths together, as we leave judgements up to the Holy One, who has already filled that position & needs no help from us, lest we be judged, as we judge.

Gather together & share some trivia & memories of days gone by.

1957 Trivia.

01. This opens where lake Michigan & Huron meet?
02. Elvis Presley buys a new home & names it this?
03. Toyoto starts selling cars in U.S. with this model?
04. USSR launches Satellites with this name?
05. 1st of these portable electric machines sold?
06. The final I love Lucy was named- The Ricardo's ___?
07. This new L.A. Dodgers baseball team came from where?
08. Frank Sinatra divorces this movie starlet?
09. This teen music show debuted in Philadelphia?
10. This Pluto platter debuts as the flying toy?
11. This flu pandemic killed 150,000 worldwide?
12. What Russian animal went into space 1st?
13. Worlds 1st major nuclear accident was here?
14. This rock n roll musician received his draft notice & complied?
15. Give us the ballot speech, at DC prayer Pilgrimage came from who?

1957 what a year; It was the last year that the Detroit Lions won a championship. It was the year that Paul McCartney & John Lennon met, 3 years before forming the Beatles & Elvis hit it big with Jailhouse Rock & purchased Graceland. Ricky Nelson recorded his 1st 3 songs, as Buddy Holly & the Crickets recorded that'll be the day & Little Richard recorded his 1st album & the new Philadelphia teen music show American Bandstand was getting started.

Along with music the TV industry was stepping it up with debuts of; Have Gun will travel, Bachelor Father, Wagon Train, Maverick, Perry Mason, Leave it to Beaver & West side story & the final I Love Lucy episode.

Theaters were rolling with the movie releases of; 12 Angry men, 10 Commandments, Around the World in 80 Days, 3 Faces of Eve, Bridge over the river Kwai. Do you see or recall any of these, or any other favorites?

What did you think about the changes in the auto industry? With cars sporting taller tail fins, more showy lights & bigger more powerful engines in cars like the Ford Skyliner, T-Bird & Ranchero & Chevy's Bel Aire, El Camino & Corvette.

Joshua is a story of how God reclaimed a portion of His world back from the powers of evil people & their false gods. It tells how He called His people to serve in His army, under Joshua, to take Canaan out of the hands of the idolatrous Canaanites. Joshua was God's chosen, to complete Moses' work & establish Israel in the promised land, as he was a faithful leader of God's army.

As the leader of the Israelites, Joshua assures us that God rewards obedience. He was courageous through faith, as He followed the orders given to Him as he led God's people, after Moses' death, into the promised land. First off 10 spies went in to check out Canaan & saw giant men & fortresses & became fearful & doubtful, but Joshua & Caleb saw the enemies' lack of God's protection & prepared for battle. We all will be faced with battles that require great faith & like Joshua, we have the ability, through the Holy Spirit, to use faith & courage to see our power, with God on our side & as if God is for us, who can be against us? For our struggle is not against flesh & blood, but against the rulers, authorities, & dark powers of this world & against the spiritual forces of evil, in the heavenly realms, Ephesians 6:12. Joshua was told to be strong & courageous, from God, Moses et al, as every battle is won, not by the hands of men, but in the strength of the Lord! As if we try to win our battles by our strengths, we will always lose, but if we see, how God gives us power against our enemies, we would become mighty in battle. Not by might nor by power, but by Spirit, says the Lord, Zechariah 4:6. Fighting in the Spirit through prayer will demolish & destroy all enemies' influence over our lives. So Joshua followed God's orders & conquered Canaan, including the huge fortress of Jericho.

This is a story of conquest & fulfillment for the people of God. After years of slavery in Egypt & 40 years in the desert, the Israelites were finally allowed to enter the land promised to their fathers. The Lord's triumph over the Canaanites showed the world that the God of Israel, is the one true living God, whose claim on the world is absolute. It was also a warning to the nations that the kingdom of God would disinherit those that opposed it, giving place in the earth only to those who acknowledge & serve the Lord, as it gave notice of the destiny of mankind.

Lot divided the land, among the tribes of Israel & Joshua gave this message; Choose whom you will serve, be it the gods your fathers served, or the gods of the pagans, but I & my house will serve the Lord God Almighty. Then the people said, we will not forsake the Lord, He brought us out of the bondage of Egypt & did great miracles in our sight & preserved us among all the people through whom we came. The Lord did cast out all the opposition in the land & so we will serve Him.

Joshua told them, if you forsake the Lord & serve strange gods, then He will bring evil upon & consume you, Joshua told them, you are witnesses against yourselves, that you have chosen to serve God, so put away any strange gods & bow your hearts to the Lord God of Israel, Josh. 24:15-24. Keep the Book of the Law on your lips; meditate on it day & night, be careful to do everything written in it, then you will be prosperous & successful, Joshua 1:8. At the end of life, Joshua encouraged the people to choose God over all, as he did all that God had commanded Moses. Under Joshua's leadership the Lord's promises to Israel were fulfilled, Joshua 21:45. Wouldn't it be good to see all God's promises fulfilled in our lives? God hasn't called us to live sorrowful, defeated lives, but for us to rise up & conquer, through faith, as without faith it is impossible to please God, as anyone who comes to Him must believe He exists & that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him, Hebrews 11:6.

Stay focused as a warrior of Christ, taking steps of faith, fighting the good fight, & receiving the favor of God, for I have commanded; be strong & courageous, do not be afraid, or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you always, Joshua 1:9. Ask yourself, are my words & actions reflecting faith in God i.e., Lord I pray that you teach us to be content & satisfied with all that you have done for us, as we see that all's this world has to offer is heartache & disobedience & the sooner that we rely on you, the sooner we will find the peace from knowing that all is yours, including us & the only thing we truly need to make it out of this world & into yours, is a deeper relationship with you & a heart that says, yes I love, forgive & pray for everyone, as I am not of this world, as my home is with & in Christ.

Let's discuss something priceless, "Forgiveness", many of us receive it much better than we give it, so let's take a moment to think about a true forgiver. In Luke 23:34 an innocent man is hanging on a cross, for no wrongdoing & is being poked, prodded, spit on, as He hangs in deep pain, bleeding & dying in shame, to which He hollers "Father, forgive them. for they know what they do" As we were killing Him, through our sins, He was praying for us? & yet we find it hard to forgive those who've wronged us, or stepped on our toes, or upset our idea of fair play?

On another level, in the story of Cinderella a young girl is treated horribly by her evil family, when asked about how she was treated, she replies, "They treat me as well as they are able"? Is it possible to live with such peace, as to be able to forgive this way? In Math. 19:26, Jesus looked at them & said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Make sure nobody pays back wrong for wrong,

always strive to do what is good, rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all things, for this is God's will for you in Christ, 1Thess. 5:15-18.

To maintain a steady heart in an unsteady world, we need to know that we are & will be upheld, as God upholds us by His divine, unshakable love. Those upheld by God know who to fear, who to obey & who their soul longs for. The fears of the present fade, due to the light of his future. He is not afraid of bad news, his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord, his heart is steady, he will not be afraid, his light will dawn in the darkness, until the darkness is gone, his adversity will end, his enemies will fall, he will triumph. Even when he is assailed by trials & sorrows, as those against God are prospering, he knows that their comfort is short-lived & his is never-ending. Blessed is he who fears the Lord, Psalm 112:1.

Be gracious, when others would be unkind, be merciful when others would be cold & unforgiving, be righteous when others indulge & rebel, Psalm 112:4.

We have faced real fears, but one rises above all, the justice of our righteous Lord, as before we fear how life can harm us, we ought to fear the one who can destroy us, Mt 10:28, yet this fear is a great thing, as those who fear God, find a refuge & friend beyond belief.

So let's look back at social life & you, in 1957?

What age group were you 0-9, 10-17, 18+, if in school what grade? If you were too young in '57, use '67, or '77.

What was your family structure? Were you at home, in school, starting a career?

Did you have new friends, good friends? How was life changing?

Were you into the rock n roll fever, or prefer more reserved music?

Remember the opening of the Mackinaw bridge? Know any who crossed it?

What were your favorite group, friends & family activities?

What were the opinions about the 1st nuclear reactor plant, or about the Russians launching space probes to orbit the planet?

Did you drive, did you know that portable radar devices were introduced this year?

What are the biggest changes that you have seen, or never imagined possible.

Trivia Answers 1-Mackinaw Bridge. 2-Graceland. 3-Toyopet Crown. 4-Sputnik 1 & 2. 5-Electric typewriter. 6-Dedicate a statue. 7-Brooklyn. 8-Ava Gardner. 9-American Bandstand. 10-Frisbee. 11-Asian flu. 12-Dog named Laika. 13-Cumbria England. 14-Elvis Presley. 15-Martin Luther King.

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 know that He does; I have felt Him, seen Him, talked with Him, heard Him & witnessed His presence, signs & wonders, so many times, in so many things. 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, can I prove God is real? & the spirit told me "absolutely not"? Which stunned me & then was explained to me; why I could not prove this.

God says to prove all things, as there are many evil spirits working to keep us from His truth. He also says that those who are blinded & who doubt Him; cannot see, nor understand & 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, 2Corin. 4:4. So, 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, 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 loves & believes in you & says in Math. 7:7-11, ask & it shall be given, seek, & ye shall find, knock & it shall be opened. For whosoever asks, receives & he that seeks, finds & to him that knocks, it shall be opened.

For what man is there among you, if your son asks for bread, would you give him a stone? If ye then, which are evil, can give to your children good gifts, how much more shall your Father in heaven, give good things to them that ask Him?

So 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, can I prove to you, that God is real, no but you can! just by asking, believing, watching & waiting, as the time is coming, when you will be glad that you joined with God, in spirit, love & truth. So call on Him today & prove for yourself that He does indeed exist & does love you & wants you in His eternal Kingdom, with Him.