

God Times V.20. Psalms bible study & 1967 trivia & more.

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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 through Christ. We hope to assist all people, including Christians & non-Christians alike, in realizing that we are never truly alone, regardless of what our lying thoughts, beliefs & feelings tell us.

We are all navigating through this overly prideful broken world together, while keeping 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 right to dismiss God & hold onto other personal beliefs, as we all have the right to be loved, respected & cared about & for, regardless of individual or societal knowledge bases of learned beliefs, that seem to lack the empathy that once made us a strong nation & family of loving, caring, God filled, God trusting people.

We must love all, regardless of life, religious & political beliefs, that we all differ on. Free will gives us the right to think & be different, while still being friends. You have the right to personal beliefs, just as I have mine & at the end of the day, it's not our jobs to judge each other, as life can be lived in peace with friends who think differently, dismissing those who think that one way, their way, is the only way? 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 One, who has already filled that position & needs no help from us, lest we be judged, as we judge others.

We cannot know if today will be hard, or not, but we can make sure that it isn't bad, as hard & bad are not the same & we can give the bad to God, as He walks through the hard with us.

Trivia fun 1967. Join together & have some fun sharing memories of days gone by.

01. This happened in Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Memphis, NYC & many more cities?
02. This happened on Apollo spacecraft during a launch pad test?
03. Israel transformed from victim to powerhouse by accomplishing this feat ?
04. Dr. Barnard performed the first successful operation like this in South Africa?
05. Texas Instruments unveiled the first of these that really counted?
06. McDonald's sold the world's first of these, now sells 17 every second?
07. This man was stripped of his sports title for refusing to be drafted into the Army?
08. Thurgood Marshall was proudly sworn in as the first one of these?
09. 1st issue of this magazine had a large picture of John Lennon on the front cover?
10. Actress Priscilla Beaulieu grew her fan base when she married this king in vegas?

Have some fun discussing some memories, as God says in Proverbs 17:22, A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones, so make a decision & choose to have a joyful heart.

What age group were you 0-7, 8-12, 13-17, 18+ If you were too young in '67 use '77.

Where did your family live & work? How many were in your family, or household?
 What were your days like? Where did you go to school, or work? What was it like?
 Did you have to walk, bike, drive, bus to school, or work? How was that?
 Do you have any favorite home, or school memories, of classmates, events, dances, playground memories? What activities filled your day with family, or friends; did you watch tv, go to movies, bowling, play outside, paper route?

Did you have chores & rules to follow? What was your favorite home meals?
 What were popular, old, or new games, toys, hobbies?
 What were your neighbors & neighborhood like, did friends get to do things you didn't, or the other way around? Were your parents strict or?

Did your family spend time with neighbors, or have family & friends over, did you go certain places together, or have any special places, or spend certain holidays together? What was that like? Did you go on vacations, or camping? Where to & what was that like?

Do you remember the family car, your first car, other cars, or transportation modes, what were they like?

Book of Psalms summary.

Psalms are a group of hymns written over around 900 years, beginning at the time of Moses & include praises of joy, laments, blessings & thanksgivings, aimed at God. This poetry was often set to music & different types of psalms show different feelings & thoughts. The titles Psalms & Psalter from the Septuagint, or Greek translation of the OT, referred to stringed instruments e.g. harp, lyre, lute & to songs sung with their accompaniment. The Psalter is a collection that was put into its final form by postexilic temple personnel & as such is often called the prayer book of the 2nd temple, though it is more than a treasury of prayers & hymns, it is a book of instruction in the faith & a guide for the life of faith in accordance with the Law & the Prophets. By the 1st century it was referred to as the Book of Psalms, Lk 20:42; Ac 1:20, containing 150 psalms. Many of the psalms are anonymous & are a collection of poems, hymns & prayers that express feelings through various periods of history. The beauty & the sentiments of the poems, has surely contributed toward their appreciation & use in Christian churches, as well as Jewish temples, as the Book of Psalms helps in understanding the religious life of ancient Israel, as the prophets & sages provide insight into what the Hebrews thought, but the psalms give the clearest idea of what they felt, as in Psalms we find a revelation of the hopes, joys, sorrows, loyalties, doubts & aspirations of the human heart.

The psalms are difficult to classify due to the wide variety of experiences reflected in them as they represent the inner life of many who lived under differing circumstances & who reacted in various ways to different situations, which came about during the course of Israel's history. These individuals did not think alike, nor did they feel the same way about the rites & ceremonies that they observed. This Book of Psalms can be regarded as a kind of epitome of the entire range of the Hebrews life & the essential faith of the Israelite people.

The psalms were used during worship services in the Jerusalem temple & some were sung by the pilgrims, on their journeys to the Sanctuary, as all of the faithful were required to attend services there once a year. Some of the hymns would be sung when the pilgrims first came in sight of the city & others as they stood before the entrance to the Temple. Hymns & prayers of adoration were also used on special occasions like the new year, particular feast days, the enthronement of Yahweh & celebrations of important events. There were songs of praise to Yahweh for the

mighty works that He had performed & there were songs of thanksgiving for how the Hebrews had been delivered from the hands of their enemies.

Other songs were written in praise of the Law, as well as other themes e.g. one psalm praises Yahweh for coming to the defense of His people when the Assyrian armies invaded, the sudden withdrawal of the army was an occasion for great rejoicing. Yahweh's love for the poor & the oppressed is the theme of Psalm 146. Sorrow & discouragement because of the fate that befell the nation when the people were taken into captivity by a foreign power are expressed in the prayers that are recorded in Psalms 42 & 43. The same attitude can be found in Psalm 22, in which the author cries out from the depths of his soul; My God, why have you forsaken me. Psalm 119, the longest, is a poem written in praise of the Law.

The psalms' teachings main purpose is not instruction, but expressions of the heart made in the spirit of worship & certain ideas are set forth in the psalms that are essential to the purposes for which they were written, including the reality & significance of the conception of Yahweh, which is not the same in different psalms, as each author must find for himself the conception that seems most adequate to him. Sometimes Yahweh is portrayed as a God of loving kindness & mercy, but at other times He is a God of wrath who brings destruction on those who disobey Him, but He is always an omnipotent & omniscient everlasting God, whose power & goodness endure throughout eternity.

The Book of Psalms gives a deep insight into the religious life of the Hebrews, through the longings, hopes & sorrows of worshipers. Like other portions of biblical literature, the original psalms were edited & from time to time & we find evidence of a tendency to add something to a psalm as it first appeared, in order to give to it an interpretation that would be more in accord with generally accepted ideas. For example, in Psalm 51, the first 17 verses are written in the spirit of the great prophets who insisted that the true worship of Yahweh consists not in sacrifices made on an altar, nor in the observance of ritualistic requirements, but in the inner attitudes of the human heart. The next two verses of the psalm present a very different idea, for an editor who was evidently under the influence of the post-exilic emphasis on the importance of ritual and ceremony added a statement that was intended to show that the attitude of the human heart was but a prelude to the sacrificing of bulls on the altar, it is not uncommon, even at the present time, to find hymn books that continue to use ancient conceptions, even though these have long been replaced with ideas that are more in harmony with the spirit of the times.

Back to discussing some memories from 1967.

Did you see any of these top films & recall any details from them?

The Graduate, The Jungle Book, Gone with the Wind, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Bonnie & Clyde, Dirty Dozen, Valley of the Dolls, You Only Live Twice, To Sir with Love, Born Loser, A Taste of Blood, Something Weird, Gruesome Twosome.

How about TV, any of these top shows bring back any memories?

Bellbird, Birdman, Callan, Ironside, Mannix, Carol Burnett Show, The Flying Nun, The High Chaparral, Kraft Music Hall, Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour

Music was still changing with quite a diverse group of groups coming in with top hits for '67. Do you remember any of these, were they part of your days & do you recall any of the lyrics, or group histories?

The Letter by the Box Tops, Ode to Billie Joe by Bobby Gentry, I'm a Believer by the Monkees, Light My Fire by the Doors, Somethin' Stupid by Frank & Nancy Sinatra, Happy Together by the Turtles, Groovin' by The Young Rascals, Can't Take My Eyes Off You by Frankie Valli, Little Bit O'Soul by Music Explosion, I Think We're Alone Now by Tommy James, Respect by Aretha Franklin, I Was Made to Love Her by Stevie Wonder, Come Back When You Grow Up by Bobbie Vee, Kind of a Drag by the Buckingham's, Sweet Soul Music by Arthur Conley, Expressway to Your Heart by the Soul Survivors, Soul Man by Sam & Dave, Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie by Jay & the Techniques, Come On Down to My Boat by Every Mothers' Son, Ruby Tuesday by the Rolling Stones, It Must Be Him by Vicki Carr, Love Is Here Now You're Gone by The Supremes, For What It's Worth by Buffalo Springfield, The Happening by the Supremes, All You Need Is Love by the Beatles, Your Precious Love by Gaye & Terrell, Somebody to Love by Jefferson Airplane, Get On Up by Esquires, Brown Eyed Girl by Van Morrison, Jimmy Mack by Martha & Vandellas, I Got Rhythm by Happenings.

trivia answers. 1- race riots. 2-fire killed astronauts gus grissom, ed white, roger chaffee. 3-beat egypt,jordan,syria in 6day war. 4-heart transplant. 5- electronic hand-held calculator. 6- big mac. 7-muhammad ali. 8-african-american justice of the united states supreme court. 9-rolling stone magazine. 10-elvis presley.

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 prove all things, 1Thes.5:21, as there are 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 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.

If your child 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.