

GOD TIMES V.3. Genesis pt.3 Bible study ch.12-25 (-19) & 1950 trivia & more.

Life, Wisdom, Memory & Faith enhancing thoughts for individuals & groups.

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How you define life will determine how you choose to feel! If you choose to see life as lost, then you will feel lost; choose to see life as sad, then you will be sad; or if you choose to see life as good, because God is good, then you will find good, as by default you cannot feel good & bad, at the same time, so choose your daily relative feelings wisely, as ultimately it is your decision to choose how you feel.

So how do you view life? Not tomorrow, or yesterday, but “today & now”, as you cannot walk through yesterday, or tomorrow, so why base life on thoughts of what your life has been, or should be, when you can base it on God’s love, while realizing that life here is a temporary assignment & we need to listen to God, as He says; Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let Me transform you inwardly with a complete change of heart & mind, then you can know the will of God & what is good & pleasing to him, Romans 12:1, & this is what we all should base life on; from 10 yrs. old, to 100 yrs. old, as we can find joy & contentedness in God’s Glory & Grace. For the whole Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable to teach, convince, correct & to instruct in righteousness, 2 Tim. 3:16.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. For Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world, through Him might be saved. Yet he that believes not, is condemned already, as he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God, so even though the light came to save all, some men love the darkness, rather than that light.

Every man that lives in the truth, comes to the light, that his deeds might be seen, John 3:16-21. God is watching & He does care & one day He will pay all for their temperance, so work daily “To be still & know that I am God” Psalm 46:10.

1950 Trivia Fun & memories. (answers on pg.5)

01. Who was the President, whose middle name was simply "S" of the U.S. in 1950?
02. What was the #1 song, about a bright colorful animal & helper, by Gene Autry?
03. What were most popular girl hairdo's, for Lucy & Sophia?
04. Best Men haircuts? For James Dean & Elvis?
05. Why did schools close in the winter month of Feb. of this year?
06. Michigan Wolverines football team became this, by winning this game?
07. Who was Mayor of Detroit in 1950 & what was named in his honor?
08. What 2 game shows 1st aired in 1950, with John Daly & Bud Collyer?
09. What Groucho Marx Comedy Quiz show aired?
10. What married comedy duo had one of tv's most enduring sitcoms 1950-1958?
11. What new nutty cartoon strip was out? Can you name the main kid, dog & bird?
12. Hard to fathom that only 9% seen these in their homes?
13. James Dean 1st job doing this, paid less, but safer than when king of pop did it?

Top music & dance songs & performers were changing & some were even getting a little risqué & wild, what did your family think of the new entertainment taking over America? Did you like the works of Elvis, Chuck Berry, et al? & dancing to the jitterbug & hand jive etc. What music/ artists/ dances etc. did you like?

Changing the tone here, we will see that God's plan is that all lives bring him glory. He has chosen us, in love, to be a living reflection of him. Our response to him should be to become more like him, while sharing His love, with whomever may be nearby & remembering that He is much more than our God, He is our friend & He wants to spend time with us.

Just as with any friend, talk to Him, tell Him about what makes you happy & sad, joyful & mad & be ready to listen, as no friendship is a one street. He wants to hear about & to reply to, your ups & downs, your praises & concerns, as He is a loving Father & you are His beautifully created child.

Pray to Him often; Lord, I need your promise of hope, I need to remember who You are & all You have done & I need help to be still & listen, while remembering that You are my Father, my Savior, my place of safety & refuge, my unshakable foundation. Thank you & guide me through this day today & everyday, that I may bring glory to your name & others into your rest.

Genesis pt.3 bible study ch. 12-25 (ch.19 in v.4)

Over 2000 yrs. after creation, God chose a man, Abram, Gen 12:1-25:10, to become a great leader, as the Father of Faith. God knew his heart & knew that he would lead his children & household in the ways of the Lord, as Abraham (Abram) was not just a man of faith, he was also a faithful man & he lived & carried out the wishes of God. Abraham was chosen & was given a role in God's eternal plan of redemption, as his lineage would lead to the birth of Jesus, 1800 years later.

Abraham's life brought the 1st mention of God's righteousness, as the way of salvation, Gen. 15:6. Abraham was told that he would be the father of many nations & he trusted & believed God, Gen. 22:17, but him & his wife were very old & they had doubts & even chuckled when God mentioned children.

How is it that most of us would doubt that a near 100 year old could have a child, even though God said it. Think about this deeply, it's as if we think that we have something to do with the creation, life & birth of a living breathing, growing human being, brought to life out of nowhere, through a few mixed fluids, that somehow came to life & grew inside of & came out of another human being & it happens so often that we dismiss the impossibility of it. We don't stop & think what happened inside that woman, that a life grew inside her, do to some fluid? So the incomprehensible miracle of life isn't in the age, or anything else, it's in life itself?

Sarah (Sarai), Abraham's wife, had Abraham sleep with her handmaid (not unusual for the time) to produce a child & their son Ishmael (future father of the Arabic nations) was born. The problem here was that God's promise, regardless of improbability, was for Abraham & Sarah, Gen. 15:3-4, to whom Isaac (Grandfather of the 12 tribes of Israel) was soon to be born, just as God had promised, proving that we can trust God, at all times, but need patience, even for the impossible.

One day Abraham was called by God to take his son Isaac, to Mt. Moriah & offer him as a sacrifice, Gen. 22:2. Through faith, Abraham followed God's order, but God intervened & provided a different sacrifice, via a ram caught nearby.

So, Abraham's faith had been tested & proved by God. In verse 5 Abraham told the servants wait here we will return & in 17:19, & God had said earlier, that your son will be Isaac, I will establish my covenant with him & with his seed after him; So Abraham must have expected God to save, or raise Isaac from the dead.

This is another good place to think deeply about why it is so important, to always be listening & watching for God, as we could miss what He has planned?

Abraham had a rough life, but he held strong to God's promises, showing that God keeps His promises & that we may not have the answers, but God always does. Abraham obeyed God's call & with each step of forward faith, God revealed more & more to him, Hebrews 11:8, just as He does with us, when we follow His calling on us, He guides & leads one step & moment at a time, as needed.

God said to him, in Israel, all that you see I will give you & your family will be uncountable, as the dust of the earth, Gen. 13:14. Abraham's son Isaac, fathered Jacob (named Israel) who fathered 12 sons that became the 12 tribes of Israel.

To Abraham's son Ishmael, God said, I will make him fruitful, He will be the father of 12 rulers & will be a great nation, but my covenant is with Isaac, Gen. 17:20-21. Abraham's name is great among God's people & those who bless him, are blessed & those who curse him are cursed, as seen in the plagues on Pharaoh & the fall of the empires in Babylon, Greece, Rome & America.

Abraham knew God would justify the Gentiles by faith, as promised; All nations will be blessed through you, Gal. 3:8. Now Abraham was human & his faith wavered at times, as he questioned God & needed assurance, but God is there for all & He knows true faith is not always easy, but it is the quality of our faith that He desires, not the quantity & that should be our goal, true faith, through obedience to God.

Before the promised land could be secured, unbelief towards God's true holiness had to be dealt with; as the people's sins, as well as Abraham & Sara's doubt & lapse in judgement, by having Abraham sleep with the handmaid, instead of waiting, on God to fulfill His promise, had started a chain of events, that God had to judge & of which would bring affliction, upon Abraham's seed. Due to the disobedience from the people of Canaan (Israel), a great famine had come on all the land & Jacob (Israel) sent some of his sons to Egypt to buy some of their stored grain, from the wisdom of their brother Joseph whom they had sold into slavery & believed to be dead, but who was now in charge of Pharaoh's grain store, to whom they were to beg for food. This story of Joseph can be continued in God Times V.4

The 12 tribes of Israel (from Jacob)- Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph & Benjamin.

The story of Sodom & Gomorrah ch.19 & Joseph chapters 37-50, in God Times V.4.

One thing I think we all understand, or feel, at one time or another, is that life changes can sometimes leave us feeling alone. These are feelings that are not uncommon, or abnormal, as most of us have had them & they need to be addressed, as we are never truly alone & need to learn to not live by feelings, as they will deceive us, but to live by God's truth. If we take steps to develop an active mind of Christ, we'll begin to live in God's light. So by focusing on Scripture & staying connected with Christ, we can view life through a Christ-centered lens, which offers the keys to a true inner peace, beyond understanding.

Be anxious for nothing & in everything, by prayer, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, as the peace of God, which transcends all understanding & will guard your heart & mind in Christ Jesus, Philippians 4:6-7.

We all have sat & thought, what is it all about? What is my purpose? Is this really what life is? Sometimes I feel useless & burdensome & then I stop & think, whose whispering these negative thoughts, who am I listening too? Surely not who I should be! as God created each of us on purpose, for a purpose, known only to Him & that's what we must trust in.

We are exactly where God can use us, for His purpose & His plan, in His way, whether we see it or not. Our destiny was never based on talents, skills, abilities, gifts, education, wealth, or health, as God's plan, for our lives, is based on our response of trusting faith, to His loving grace.

Now is the time to be still & rest in the Lord, as He is in control. God promises to help & never leave us. Talk to Him, trust in Him, be still & you can surely rest upon His strength, love & promises. Ephesians 1:12 says that we have been destined & appointed to live for the praise of His glory, not ours, or anyone else's.

Trivia answers. 1-harry truman. 2-rudolph red nosed reindeer. 3-lucy/poodle, sophia loren/bouffant. 4-dean/ greaser, elvis/ pompadour. 5-coal shortage & record cold. 6-big 10 champs, won snow bowl & beat california in rose Bowl. 7- albert cobo (cobo hall). 8-what's My Line & beat the clock. 9-you bet your life. 10- george burns & gracie allen. 11-Peanuts, Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Woodstock. 12-TVs. 13-pepsi commercial, michael jacksons hair caught on fire burning him.

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.