

## **God Times V.12. Ruth bible study & 1959 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.

Forgive & it will be forgiven you, forgive not & your Heavenly Father will no longer forgive your trespasses, Matt. 6:14

## 1959 Trivia

01. What vacation paradise is no longer foreign territory & why not?
02. Young girls love the new Dolls created by Ruth Handler & named \_\_\_?
03. This opens, linking the Great Lakes to the rest of the world?
04. Science fiction television with Rod Serling landed many people here?
05. The Mercury Seven were introduced & are now famous for what?
06. A tragic plane crash takes the lives of these 3 rock & roll musicians?
07. The last of this troubled Ford brand rolled off the lines?
08. The 1 Billionth can of this food product was sold?
09. The Ilitch's open the first of these restaurant in Garden City, Michigan?
10. This land that U.S. bought from Russia at .02cents an acre, gets its star?
11. U.S. has hopes 4 this new leader? in this new Government? South of Florida?
12. Lee Petty won the 1st of these Florida races, which included convertibles?

So lets look at life for you in 1959

What age group were you 0-9, 10-17, 18+ ? If you were too young in '59, use '69 or '79.

What was family life like in your household? Do you have any special memories of times with any certain family members? Where did you fit in & what roles did you play in the family structure? What changes do you see in the way things are now, compared to how they were back then? What do you think todays family life needs to learn from the back then family life? What things might you do different if you could go back & change some things? What was social life like for you with your family? Friends? How about school, or work; any special memories, favorite people, favorite jobs, or favorite activities or hobbies?

Let's look over & discuss your trivia questions & answers.

Have you ever been to Hawaii? If so what was that like? What other states or countries have you travelled to & what was that like? What about them Barbie dolls, any special memories of them? What shows did your family watch on TV, was the Twilight Zone in the mix? Recall any episodes?

Do you remember the day that plane went down, were you a fan of Buddy, Holly, Ritchie Valens, or the Big Bopper? Or what kind of music did you like? Did you ever ride in, own, or know anyone who had one of those Edsels?

What did you think of Spam, then & now? Were you a pizza pizza fan? Did you watch them car races, like Daytona 500?

## Book of Ruth

The book of Ruth shows how God is for all of us & that He is surely able to change the lives of whoever He so chooses to use in His plan of love & redemption. This book also shows the importance & rewards of true love & faith & is a bright spot, in the spiritually dark period of the judges, narrating the fall & restoration of Naomi & her daughter-in-law Ruth, a once pagan Moabite woman who became an ancestor of Jesus.

Naomi, a Hebrew woman & her family moved from the famine in Bethlehem, to Moab, where the sons married pagan Moabite women. Naomi blames God when her husband & 2 sons die, leaving her broken & empty as she decides to move back to Judah, telling her widowed daughter in laws to return to their own families. Her widowed daughter-in-law Ruth, a pagan Moabite, had acquired a deep love for her & a desire to learn about her God & refused to leave her alone, so they returned to Bethlehem together in time for the barley harvest; a rule from Leviticus says that when the harvesters collect the wheat & barley, they must leave what falls to the ground for peasants. So Ruth collects what she can each day & one day, Boaz, a wealthy landowner, notices Ruth & how she cares for her mother-in-law & He makes sure that they get enough food. Over time they get to know each other & it turns out that Boaz is a relative of Ruth's deceased husband so, he was qualified, by biblical law to marry her, which he does & they have a son, Obed, who will become the grandfather of the future King David & a descendant of Jesus.

God cares about men & women the same, as Christianity is the one religion that honors men & women equally. There is no difference in His eyes. There is no such thing as an unimportant person in God's eyes. Few saw Ruth as an important person, she was a Moab pagan & a poor widow, in a foreign land, yet God saw her as being important in His plan. God's plan typically involves using people who are considered to be underdogs, unimportant, or unimpressive in man's eyes, as His strength is made perfect in our weakness, 2 Corinthians 12:9.

There is a redeemer who can & will rescue us from the devastation of our own sin, if we call on Him, as we are all lost as a result of our sinful natures. We are as empty as Naomi was, after she lost everything & returned to Judah, but Jesus wants to redeem us & rescue us from the penalty of our sin & all we have to do to be rescued is to call on Him in faith & ask Him to save us, Romans 10:13.

This is also a story of one's transformation from despair to happiness through the selfless, acts of others, in this case it's God, Ruth & Boaz which helps drive Naomi's inner feelings from emptiness to fullness, from destitution to security & hope.

So who's hope, spirit & life may you be able lift up today, by realizing that another may truly need a little more of your time, than does the self indulging rewards that so many of us waste so much of our valuable time on, when God want's to be using us, to relieve another's pain & loneliness, as life truly is about the importance of faithful love among God's people.

Ruth's selfless devotion to Naomi & then Boaz's kindness to both of these widows, models lives that embody the self-giving love that fulfills God's law.

Such love is a blessing that reflects God's love. In this case it is amazing that one who reflects God's love so clearly is a pagan Moabite woman, whose complete loyalty to the Israelite family into which she has been received, by marriage & her total devotion to her desolate mother-in-law, mark her as a true daughter of Israel & a worthy ancestress of Jesus.

Ruth shows how becoming part of the kingdom of God is not based on blood & birth, but by the modeling of one's life, to the will of God, through the obedience that comes from faith. God's promised peace & rest will manifest & continue for all who model the selfless love modeled by Ruth & Boaz.

God wants us to be assured that He will never leave us & though there may be times of feeling lonely, we can do something about that, like turning toward Him in prayer & away from any negative fleeting feelings.

You can stand strong when you turn toward God's Word, Truths, & promises & even though there will be times of hurt, He will be there & joy is near, as God is watching & in control, always & forever.

God knows that allowing us the ability to look back & remember some of the good & the hard things that we've seen & been through, is to our benefit, even if we're not sure how, or why.

The ability to look back also builds our social abilities with God, as well as with others, for if we did not have memories, good & bad, then we would have no truly valuable reason to gather together & rejoice, or cry, or to teach & learn, or to share what is, or has been important, on our path to glory. Every bit of our past has been an important building block into who we are becoming, but we must remember that we are only products of our past, not prisoners of it, as God has forgiven the bad & we have grown & matured from the good & bad.

Entertainment venues for 1959.

Some prime time TV favorites back then were The Jack Benny Show, Goodyear Theatre, The Perry Como Show & The Dinah Shore Chevy Show, any of these your family's favorites, or can you think of any that were?

How about Rawhide, or Bonanza's debut, or Hennessy, or the Many Loves Of Dobie Gillis debut, or Philip Marlowe?

Radio programs had become very popular, did you, or your family enjoy them? Do you know any of the following; Don McNeill's Breakfast Club, Ma Perkins, Midwestern Hayride, Milkman's Matinee, Monitor, Moon River, Pop Chronicles, Ranger Bill, Suspense (radio drama), The Eternal Light, The Romance of Helen Trent, The Standard School Broadcast, Unshackled!, Young Doctor Malone, Yours Truly, or Johnny Dollar

How about movies, did you see, or like any of these; Ben-Hur, The Shaggy Dog, Some Like It Hot, Operation Petticoat, Pillow Talk, Imitation of Life, North by Northwest, The Nun's Story, On the Beach, A Hole in the Head, Solomon and Sheba, Journey to the Center of the Earth, Rio Bravo, or Pork Chop Hill.

What about horror movies, like any of these; House on Haunted Hill, A Bucket of Blood, The Hound of the Baskervilles, The Ghost of Yotsuya, The Tingler, The Mummy, Experiment in Evil, Jack the Ripper, The Black Pit of Dr. M, or The Bat.

How about your music choices for the year, did you like any of the following artists? & do you remember any favorite songs, from these or others? Bobby Darin, Connie Francis, The Coasters, The Crests, The Drifters, Elvis Presley, Fabian, Fats Domino, The Fleetwoods, Frankie Avalon, Jackie Wilson, Johnny Cash, Johnny Mathis, Pat Boone, Paul Anka, The Platters, Ricky Nelson, or The Skyliners.

### **Trivia answers.**

1-hawaii becomes the 50th state. 2-barbie 3- St. Lawrence Seaway. 4- The Twilight Zone. 5- 1<sup>st</sup> American astronauts. 6- Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, the Big Bopper 7- Edsel. 8-spam 9- Little Caesars pizza. 10-alaska becomes a state/gets star on our flag. 11-fidel castro in cuba 12-daytona 500.

## **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, 1Thess.5:21, 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