

## **God Times V.13. Samuel bible study & 1960 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

Gather together to discuss some trivia & entertainment choices.

### 1960 Trivia.

01. The 1st televised Presidential debate takes place, between these 2?
02. This modern stone age family debuts on TV?
03. Anthony Perkins is a psychologically disturbed motel owner in this thriller?
04. The 1<sup>st</sup> of these bunny clubs opens in Chicago?
05. This boxer floats & stings his way into his 1<sup>st</sup> pro fight win? Either, or both names?
06. Charlton Heston takes this American religious epic film to 11 Oscars?
07. These Harlem Mystic Knight Lodge brothers have their final radio episode?
08. This Harper Lee Pulitzer Prize-winning "bird" novel was published?
09. Chubby Checker does this on The Dick Clark Show, starting a worldwide craze?
10. The final episode of Bob & this 48 freckled, 1 for each state, pine/ plastic pal?
11. Brothers Tom & James bought this pizza joint in Michigan for \$500?
12. Joanne Woodward got the 1<sup>st</sup>, of 2768 & counting, of these famous spots?

What did you think about these top films & Tv shows, discuss each separately. Psycho, The Magnificent Seven, Spartacus, The Apartment, La Dolce Vita, The Time Machine, Ocean's 11, The Unforgiven, The Alamo, Breathless

Popular Tv Shows; Gunsmoke, Wagon Train, Andy Griffith Show, Real McCoys, Rawhide, Candid Camera, Untouchables, Price is Right & Jack Benny Show.

Remember any of these top icons; Brigitte Bardot, Claudia Cardinale, Doris Day, Angie Dickinson, Annette Funicello, Audrey Hepburn, Gina Lollobrigida, Sophia Loren, Marilyn Monroe, Kim Novak, Elizabeth Taylor, and Tina Turner.

Any of these artists or Music Hits on your favorites list?

Frankie Avalon, Why. Marty Robbins, El Paso. Johnny Preston, Running Bear. Mark Dinning, Teen Angel. Percy Faith, theme from A Summer Place. Elvis Presley, Stuck on You. The Everly Brothers, Cathy's Clown. Connie Francis, Everybody's Somebody's Fool. Hollywood Argyles, Alley-Oop. Brenda Lee, I'm Sorry. Brian Hyland, Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini. Elvis Presley, It's Now or Never. Chubby Checker, The Twist. Connie Francis, My Heart Has a Mind of Its Own. Larry Verne, Mr. Custer. The Drifters, Save the Last Dance for Me. Brenda Lee, I Want to Be Wanted. Ray Charles, Georgia on My Mind. Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs, Stay. Elvis Presley, Are You Lonesome Tonight?

## Samuel Bible Summary.

All Israel would know that Samuel was the Lord's faithful Prophet, 1 Sam 3:20.

God raised up Samuel, as a prophet & judge & the one who would anoint the 1<sup>st</sup> two kings of His Kingdom, Israel. Samuel was obedient to God, as he served the disobedient Israelites. He was bold & spoke God's truth without fear of man, 1 Sam. 12 & was faithful to pray. We should all seek a heart like Samuel's.

Samuel was a deliverer, that called Israel to repentance when the Philistines were able to take the ark of the covenant & the Lord intervened mightily on Israel's behalf & gave victory over the massive Philistines, affirming the authority of Samuel as an ordained leader, while showing a divine protection & blessing for God's people, when they place their confidence in Him & live in obedience to their covenant.

God had fulfilled all Israel's needs, as He had promised, but they wanted to be like their neighbors, which birthed one of the peoples greatest mistakes ever, which was their desire to be led into peace & battles, by a human King, 1 Samuel 8:20.

God called for Israel to be different, but they rejected His Theocratic Kingship & rule & even with all His warnings, through Samuel, about how a king would enslave them & take all from them, they still wanted to be like the other nations, who had human kings ruling over them? So Israel's sinful desire for a human king was allowed, as God told Samuel to give them what they asked for & in 1100 B.C. they got their 1<sup>st</sup> of 42 future Kings, some were good, some were bad, none were God & we will touch on a few of them good & bad, in the upcoming pages, such as the 1<sup>st</sup> two, anointed by Samuel, king Saul & then king David.

Before Samuel anointed the 1<sup>st</sup> king, he needed to be sure that the people would maintain a covenant with God, so he called the people to repentance & renewal of their allegiance to God, on the inauguration of the king. By establishing a kingship via a covenant renewal, the king was not to be autonomous in his own authority; but was to be subject to the laws of God & the words of the prophet, Samuel 10:25; 12:23. The king would be an instrument of the Lord's rule & the people would continue to recognize God, as their ultimate Sovereign ruler, Samuel, 12:14-15.

Now Saul was an impressive young man among the Israelites, so they chose him as their 1<sup>st</sup> king, 1 Sam. 9:2, even though he wasn't God's choice, he now had a chance to please God & establish a permanent reign in Israel, 1 Sam. 13:13, but he was

foolish & in time lost it all, due to disobedience to God. Saul disobeyed God, 1 Sam. 13:13 & built a monument to himself, 1 Sam. 15:12, proving to be a bad leader, who was rejected by God, 1 Sam. 15:27, so God told Samuel that He had chosen a new king, a shepherd boy named David, 1 Sam. 16:1-13.

David was anointed by God, as a man after God's own heart & yet still served king Saul, as a musician & warrior & God was with him, 1 Sam 18:1-7. Saul had become violently jealous & wanted David dead, causing David to live in hiding. Soon after, Saul was killed in battle, Israel now had a season of victory & blessing, under David. But like Saul, over time David also made a grave error & caused a young married woman, Bathsheba, to commit adultery & become pregnant & then ended up murdering her husband & marrying her, to cover up the adultery, 2 Sam. 11. When confronted, by the prophet Nathan, David repented, but the damage was done & the consequences of sin are severe. First Bathsheba miscarried David's child & then his family started falling apart & engaging in sexual abuse, murder, deceit & betrayal, 2 Sam. 13-21.

So 1 & 2 Samuel compare the rise & fall of King Saul, a man-pleaser & King David, a God-pleaser & demonstrates the foolishness of disobedience to God, as well as the humility, faith & reward of a life lived to honor God. Saul disobeyed God & came to a tragic end 1 Sam. 31:4. Now David had great faith & as a small, young lad, defeated a giant named Goliath, 1 Sam. 17:4. David showed great humility, even in his dealings with Saul, who wanted to murder him, 1 Sam. 24:5-15 & 1 Sam. 26:17-20, but as humble as he was, he was not exempt from sinful disobedience, 1 bad decision caused his life to come crashing down, yet, he was still chosen by God to have his kingdom established 1 Sam 7:12 & it was written that the Savior Jesus, would come from the line of David, 2 Sam. 7.

Like all people, Samuel, Saul & David all had times of disobedience. Samuel was blessed & he was used by God in powerful ways, 1 Sam. 4:1; 1 Sam. 7, yet allowed his own sons to live in sin & to pervert the ways of God. David obeyed God & his early days were filled with faith & victory, but then he commits adultery & the blessings disappear. Saul had a promising start & then the Spirit of God came down on him, 1 Sam. 11:6, as he suffered divine rejection when he rejected God's word, 1 Sam. 15:26. Saul went from disobedient, to delusional, to deranged. Saul's greatest character flaw was his desire to please people, over his conviction to obey God, his sin was due to; He was afraid of what the people thought, 1 Sam. 15:26.

The 2nd book of Samuel picks up after Saul's death, which David grieved, as He is a humble man who even grieves the death of his enemies. David experiences some success & blessing & the tribes of Israel ask him to unify them, so the first thing he does as king is conquers Jerusalem & establish it as Israel's capital city & renames it Zion. From there, David continues to win many battles & expand Israel's territory. David had made Jerusalem the political capital of Israel & wanted to make it their religious capital as well, so he had the ark of the covenant moved into the city. David asks God, if he can build a new temple for Him, God says to David, I'm going to build you a dynasty & God makes a promise to David that, from his royal line, there will come a king, who will set up an eternal kingdom.

In his end, David's son Absalom hatches a plot to oust his father from power & launches a rebellion & David is forced to flee & hide. The rebellion ends when David's son is murdered, which breaks David's heart & so his last days find him on his throne, as a broken man, wounded by the sad consequences of his own sin.

Thank God always, for everything. Always praise God, for being God & being good & unchanging. We must show gratitude to God & praise Him for who He is, we must appreciate His love, power, goodness, strength & justice. God is our helper, as a parent, you may be feeling anxious about your child, but remember that you are only a steward & that God is the father of your child. Go in prayer to God & ask Him to take care of your children & when you are not able to get through to them, God will help, all you need to do is ask.

God wants us to be different, not like the unbelievers, He wants us to live according to his Word, so we need to stay focused on His word to overcome the pressures of the world. Let's stick with God's word & learn how wonderfully He can start a new work in our lives, at any moment.

Think about what could happen if Christian leaders simply did what Samuel, Moses & Joshua did? Just listened to the Lord, received their instruction from God, assembled a godly team, communicated in God's way, without personal opinions, learned beliefs & unfounded inferences, while praying for all people. David's heart for God shined & when he didn't know what to do, he spent time with God, he honored & respected all. He was a man of integrity & he let God promote him at the right time, he was never in a hurry. God will accomplish what He wants to in our life, if we have the heart of David, loving God and loving people.

Trivia answers; 1-jfk & nixon. 2-flintstones. 3-psycho. 4-playboy. 5-cassius clay, muhammad ali. 6-ben hur. 7-amos n andy. 8-to kill a mockingbird. 9-The Twist. 10-howdy doody. 11- DomiNick's/ Dominos in '65. 12- Hollywood walk of fame stars.

## **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