

God Times V.18. Esther bible study & 1965 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.

God's unchanging plan for your life, by His terms, is working for His good, whether you see it or not. For all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable to teach, to convince, to correct & to instruct in righteousness, 2 Tim. 3:16.

1965 Trivia fun.

01. President LBJ signed a law requiring health warnings on packs of these?
02. President LBJ signed the Voting Rights Act into law, guaranteeing this?
03. This show premiered & like sands through the hourglass continues on?
04. Canada's new red & white flag has a big red 1 of these in the center?
05. You may still burn your bra, but President LBJ made this act illegal?
06. This play with W. Matthau & Art Carney opened & oddly enough ran 964 times?
07. This couple of babes? have each other, to share this hit? on TV's Bandstand?
08. This annual holiday 1st TV special with the Peanuts gang, premiered?
09. Bill Cosby in the TV series I Spy, became the first one of these?
10. This 630 foot high landmark was completed in Missouri?
11. This rock group was looking for some satisfaction on their world tour?
12. This boxer had a faith & name change & a phantom punch in a 2 minute bout?
13. LBJ had Operation Starlite, as the 1st U.S. major ground battle here?

What was life like, for you, in '65.

What age group were you 0-9, 10-17, 18+, If you were not born yet use your 1st memories of '74. If in school what grade?

What is the biggest differences that you see between family life then & now?

What memories do you have of social activities with family & friends?

Were you able to stay in touch with any school friends once adult life started?

Did you have children & if so, did you raise them by the standards you were raised by, or did you ease up with the changing world?

What were your big plans & dreams, were you able to fulfill some of them? What would you change, or do differently, if you could?

What's some differences compared to that age group from then & now?

What's some things that you were glad to see change, or invented to make life easier, or better?

The book of Esther,

An amazing gift of God, is that when a man's ways are pleasing to God, He makes even his enemies, to be at peace with him, as can be seen in Esther & Mordecai's miraculous adventures in the book of Esther.

Esther was a humble poor orphan, used by God showing that socioeconomic status & origin doesn't matter to God, as He had great plans for her & her love of following & listening to Him, which through a strange series of events, as seen in the book of Esther, caused her to become queen & save thousands of fellow Jews from annihilation.

Like Esther we all need to learn to be able to listen better to God & to know His hand is on our lives, even when we don't see it, e.g. the word "God" is not mentioned in the book of Esther, noting that we may not always see God's hand in our lives, but glory to God, it's always there.

The book of Esther fully demonstrates God's love & sovereignty in all circumstances. It is a post-exile story about the Jews that stayed behind, after the return to Jerusalem after the Babylon exile & captivity. Babylon was conquered by Persia & Esther hid her Jewish heritage & miraculously became the queen, which she was able to use to save her fellow Jews, which were slated for death.

The story shows us that God can & does work in the moral messes of human lives, using the faithfulness of even morally compromised people to accomplish His purposes. Life isn't always perfect, but the book of Esther brings one of the greatest bible truths to light, God is always available to help in accomplishing His perfect plans, but you must listen to & act on His requests, as He intends, or He may replace you & use another for His purpose, as stated in Esther 4:14 & you could end up losing God's blessings on your life, or worse?

The book of Esther asks us to trust in God's providence even when we can't see it working, which requires faith, trust & hope, to believe that no matter how tough, or bad things get, God is committed to redeeming, saving & using His people for overcoming evil & that's what the story of Esther is about. We all need to remember to never confront any problems, or difficult situations in life, without seeking God's presence & will first, as God is always ready to help but if you want God's help, you

must do your part as well, i.e. Show Him your faith, call on Him & trust in Him, just as Esther did when she told Mordecai; go assemble the Jews in Shushan & fast for me for 3 days & I & my maids will do likewise & then I will go to the King, which is against the law & but if I perish, I perish, Esther 4:15,16.

God recognized the all important faith & fasting of the people & granted the fullness of His protection & plans to flourish in Esther's future, as the Queen of Persia.

Fret not because of the wicked men, neither be envious for the evildoers for they shall soon be cut down like grass & shall wither. Trust in the Lord & do good, dwell in the land & thou shalt be fed assuredly & delight in the Lord & He shall give thee thine heart's desire. Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust in Him & He shall bring it to pass & He will bring forth thy righteousness as the light & thy judgment. Wait patiently upon the Lord & hope in him, cease from anger & leave off wrath, fret not thyself also to do evil, for evildoers shall be cut off & they that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the land of God's, Psalm 37.

Children of God, it is time to "Let God Be God", as a child of God, it is no longer you who live, but Christ who lives within you & He isn't there for a place to rest, or hide from the world, but to now work through you.

God has work to do in you, testing & growing you, so even when you're driving & someone cuts you off, or is too slow, or too fast, stop acting like you own this world & remember, it is Christ that owns the world & all that is in it, including you & that's how you should be acting, not with your fleshly ego, but with the mind of Christ & His love & prayers for all. When things aren't going your way, too bad & so what; it's not just about you, it's about Christ that lives within & through you.

If you want to see Jesus' work, then let Him work, as you're yanking out of His hands what belongs to Him, every time you react in the world, instead of acting out of love for Him & all people, whether they are His, or not. He doesn't say let me be nice to & love & forgive those, who do good for me, but to all, as it is Christ who lives, so that He can show Himself, through you, so Let God Be God.

Don't let others get a wrong look, at the love of God, because you wanted to play, I am only human; as yes, you are human, but you are a human with the power of the love of God & mind of Jesus Christ within you, which sets you apart & on the path to becoming more like Christ & less like the world.

In 1964 what kinds of musical entertainment did you like? What were your favorite groups, songs, performers? Discuss what you thought, or know about any of the following & their other works?

Discuss some of these Top Pop Music Artists, were any your favorites.

Barbara Mason, The Beach Boys, The Beatles, Gene Chandler, Dean Martin, Elvis Presley, The Four Seasons, The Four Tops, Gary Lewis & The Playboys, Herman's Hermits, The Impressions, Jackie Wilson, James Brown, Little Anthony & the Imperials, Martha & Vandellas, Marvelettes, Marvin Gaye, Petula Clark, Righteous Brothers, The Rolling Stones, Sonny & Cher, Stevie Wonder, Supremes, Temptations

What did you think about these Top music choices of the year?

Wooly Bully-Sam The Sham. I Can't Help Myself- 4 Tops. Satisfaction- Rolling Stones. On My Mind-We 5. Unchained Melody & You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'- Righteous Brothers. Downtown- Petula Clark. Help-The Beatles. Can't You Hear My Heartbeat-Herman's Hermits. Crying In the Chapel-Elvis Presley. My Girl- Temptations. Help Me, Rhonda- Beach Boys. King of the Road-Roger Miller. The Birds and the Bees-Jewel Aikens. Hold Me, Thrill Me-Mel Carter. Shotgun-Jr. Walker & The All Stars. This Diamond Ring- Gary Lewis. The In Crowd-Ramsey Lewis Trio. You've Got a Lovely Daughter- Herman's Hermits. Stop! In The Name Of Love- Supremes. Silhouettes-Herman's Hermits. Mr. Tambourine Man-The Byrds. What's New Pussycat-Tom Jones. Eve of Destruction-Barry McGuire. Hang On Sloopy-The McCoys. Ticket to Ride-The Beatles. Red Roses for a Blue Lady-Bert Kaempfert Orchestra. Papa's Got a Brand New Bag- James Brown. The Game of Love- Wayne Fontana. Name Game-Shirley Ellis. Baby, I'm Yours- Barbara Lewis. Jolly Green Giant-The Kingsmen.

Did your family follow any of these popular radio shows- Don McNeill's Breakfast Club, Ma Perkins, MLB, Midwestern Hayride, Milkman's, Matinee, Monitor, Moon River, Pop Chronicles, Ranger Bill, Suspense, Bing Crosby/ Rosemary Clooney Show, The Black Mass, The Credibility Gap, The Eternal Light, Romance of Helen Trent, Theatre 5, Unshackled, Young Doctor Malone, Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar.

Trivia answers 1-cigarettes. 2-african americans right to vote. 3-soap opera-days of our lives. 4- maple leaf. 5- draft card burning. 6- the odd couple. 7- sonny & cher, i got you babe. 8-A Charlie Brown Christmas. 9- 1st african american with a starring role in a TV series. 10- gateway, or st louis, arch. 11- the rolling stones. 12- cassius clay became muhammed ali. 13-vietnam.

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.

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.