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DANIEL 4:34-37

## HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HAND

Most of you must be familiar with this song:

He's got the whole world right in His hand...  
He's got the whole world in His hand...

It takes 18 hours from Singapore to New York by plane, yet it's like within a thumb size for God. God says, "Heaven is my throne and the earth is My footstool." He's got the whole world in His hand. It means that the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, the trees in the forest, and all of us who are living on earth belong to Him.

Knowing this, there are 2 things we ought to do:  
We ought to humble ourselves before God and worship Him.

We ought to surrender our fear, our worries, our plan, our hope and dream into His mighty hands alone.

### Key verse:

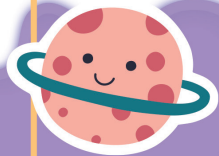
*Psalm 95:4*

*In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I am so comforted and blessed knowing that You've got the whole wide world, including my life, in Your mighty hands. Amen.*





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DANIEL 6:11-22

## DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

If you were Daniel, what decision would you make? Would you give up on your faith and follow the king's decree or would you be brave enough to take the same decision as Daniel's?

Daniel totally knew about his disadvantageous situation. Even the King couldn't help him. It didn't jitter Daniel. He believed God would rescue him. He believed God was protecting and watching over him. He knew that God is all powerful. He understood that God knew what was going to happen to him. God honoured Daniel's faith and obedience and He sent His angel to ensure Daniel was safe and didn't get hurt.

No matter how dire or dreadful the lions' den in front of you may look like, there is no situation created by man that God cannot change. There's no power, no king, ruler or law greater than the one true God.

Place a complete faith and trust in God and He will definitely honour your faithfulness with great and amazing rewards.

### Key verse:

*Daniel 6:27  
God helps and saves people. He does amazing miracles in heaven and on earth. He saved Daniel from the lions.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I believe that You have the power to help me through any challenge in life. Amen.*





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DANIEL 9:9-19

## GOD IS QUICK TO FORGIVE

God is a forgiving and merciful God. He knows that we are human with weaknesses so He is so quick to forgive His children. We are living in a sinful world. God knows that we are prone to make mistakes, but praise the Lord, He is so quick to forgive us.

Some of us might tend to feel reluctant to ask for God's forgiveness. It might be due to our arrogance, a hardened heart, our lack of faith in God's grace or the feeling of guilt. Our God is quick to forgive, no matter how big our sins are or how long we have been dwelling in our sins, as long as we are willing to humbly come to Him and turn away from our sins.

Please keep in mind that God longs for us to turn our hearts towards Him. Do not run away from Him any further. Come back to Him.

Remember this.

You are never too filthy to be wrapped up in His loving arms.

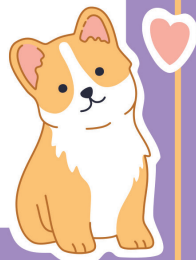
You are never too shattered to be clothed with His grace.

### Key verse:

*Psalm 86:15  
But Lord, You are a God who shows mercy and is kind. You don't become angry quickly. You have great love and faithfulness.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, thank You. You have forgiven me and accepted me. There's no greater love than this. Amen.*





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DANIEL 12:1-4

## SHINE LIKE A STAR

A star is a very large ball of bright glowing hot matter in space. Stars twinkle and shine, looking so magical. Some stars look brighter than other stars. The measurement of the brightness of a star is called apparent magnitude. If a star is very close to us, it will appear much brighter.

You and I can be a bright star that shines amongst our friends. How? You shine when you stop complaining when your teacher gives a lot of homework. You shine when you refuse to cheat while your classmates do it. You shine when you refuse the temptation to sin, and when you lead others to do the right thing.

To shine like a star is not difficult at all and it only takes an effort and a humble heart. Choose our way of living wisely. Dare to be different from the world and be in sync with God's word.

### Key verse:

*Daniel 12:3  
Those who  
are wise will  
shine like the  
brightness of  
the heavens,  
and those who  
lead many to  
righteousness,  
like the stars for  
ever and ever.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I  
choose to do  
what You say and  
to guide others  
to do the right  
thing. I want to  
shine brightly  
like a star  
in this dark  
world. Amen.*





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HOSEA 3

## A NEVER-GIVE-UP LOVE

God used Hosea's life to show Israel what a never-give-up kind of love looks like. God instructed Hosea to marry Gomer although Hosea knew that Gomer would not be faithful to him. True enough, when they were married Gomer was unfaithful to Hosea. Broken-hearted and feeling betrayed, Hosea might have wanted to give up. However, he didn't. Gomer wasn't faithful to him, but Hosea remained faithful.

Through this, God wanted to show His people even when they were not faithful to Him, He remained faithful to them.

There are times when we choose to follow our own will and disobey His word. There are times when we choose to fulfill our own pleasures rather than pleasing God's heart. Many times, we are unfaithful to God.

Regardless of that, God's love never gives up. Even when we are unfaithful, God remains faithful to us. God has not given up nor will He ever give up on us, and He always asks us to come back to His embrace and love. Let us be faithful to Him.

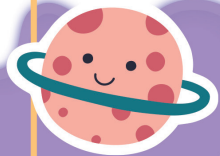
### Key verse:

*Hebrew 13:5b  
"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

### Prayer

*Dear God, thank You for never giving up on me no matter how far I've gone. Help me to walk faithfully with You. Amen.*





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HOSEA 4:4-7

## A GOD-CENTERED KNOWLEDGE

The knowledge that Hosea was talking about is not merely about social study, math or science. This was about the spiritual knowledge of God and His will. The knowledge that can only come by faith in something that God reveals. It was God-centered knowledge.

This knowledge can be easily gotten from the Bible as the Bible is God's word. If we understand and acknowledge the God-centered knowledge, we will be fully prepared to face our life with its challenges. We know that we have something that we are holding on to that helps us to keep going despite the challenges, so that we will be victorious.

Without the word of God, we will easily get lost in the storm of our life, becoming hopeless and lonely. The lack in spiritual knowledge leads to disappointment in our life as we will seek the wrong goals and make the wrong decisions that might cost our future.

Never reject the knowledge of truth and the wisdom that we have received from God. God-centered knowledge is so powerful.

### Key verse:

*Hosea 4:6a  
My people  
are destroyed  
from lack of  
knowledge.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I want  
to keep looking  
to You moment  
by moment.  
Teach me Your  
way daily, oh  
Lord. Amen.*





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HOSEA 6:3-6

## GOD'S EXPECTATION

When we want to learn more about what is expected from the students in school, we will check in our handbook, read the students' code of conduct or ask the teachers. We will try to find out about it, so that we do not miss out on things or do the wrong things.

Through Hosea God told His people what He expected from them. God desires mercy and love much more than sacrifice. He wants relationships more than rituals. He wants love more than a robotic keeping of the law. He longs that we come to a deeper knowledge of Him, rather than just doing the weekly routine of attending the Sunday school. He wants His people's hearts to long after Him, to put attention on Him and to desire to know Him more.

Let's fellowship with God through prayer and reading the Bible daily. As we spend time talking with God and reading His word, we'll find ourselves submitting to His expectation, not because we have to, but because we want to do it out of our love for Him.

### Key verse:

*Hosea 6:6  
I want faithful  
love more than  
I want animal  
sacrifices.  
I want people to  
know Me more  
than I want  
burnt offerings.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I am so  
grateful for Your  
love. I want to  
know You more  
and do Your will  
daily. Amen.*

