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PSALM 69:5-15

BE SENSIBLE

If you play with your little brother, sister or little cousins, they will tend to follow you. They either imitate your words, your actions or your behaviour. Your parents will remind you every now and then to be a good example for them.

Very often in our lives, people remember us for what examples we have set. King David was a king and whatever he did was observed and followed by his people. He had committed a sin and he came to God to ask for forgiveness. He regretted what he had done as he knew that it was a shameful act and he had not shown a good example for his people.

It is important to be sensible in what you say and do so that your life will be a living testimony of how Jesus's followers should live. Trust me, God will be very proud and pleased to have us as His disciples and children!

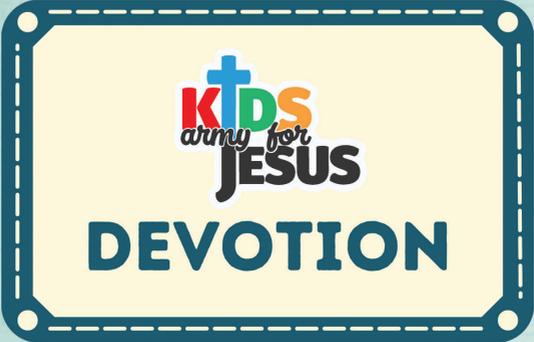
Key verse:

*Psalm 69:6a
May those who
hope in You not
be disgraced
because of me...*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
You for the
reminder! Give
me wisdom to live
an impactful life
by being sensible
in what I say and
do. Amen.*





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PSALM 72:1-9

THE ALL-PERFECT KING



This is a prayer for an all-perfect king ever. A king who is like God and makes fair and wise decisions. A king who judges equally. A king who helps the poor and the helpless. A king who punishes the wicked one fairly. A king who is respected by his people. The favour and goodness of God fill the nation because of the king.

It seems impossible to find such a king on this earth. But you and I do have one in our lives. It is Jesus. He is the all-perfect King that fits the prayer in this Psalm. When Christ is crowned as King of kings, the whole earth will be filled with the glory of God.

In the meantime, let us also pray for the leader of our nation or land where we live. May the spirit and wisdom of God guide and lead the leaders in every decision they are going to make.

Key verse:

*Revelation 19:16
On His robe and
on His thigh He
has this name
written: King of
kings and Lord
of lords.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
You that You sent
Jesus to be my
anointed King.
May I also pray
for _____
(the leader of
your nation) so
that the spirit of
God guides and
leads him/her.
Amen.*





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PSALM 73:23-26

GOD HOLDS YOUR RIGHT HAND

God's right hand is mentioned many times in the Bible. Psalm 20:6 says: The LORD gives victory to His anointed. He answers him from His heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of His right hand.

In the Bible, to be at the right side is to be identified as being in the special place of honor. The right hand of God expresses God's power and strength; He is the place of salvation, refuge, and blessing.

You won't let anyone touch, let alone hold your hands, unless you know that person personally and trust him/her. God taking hold of your right hand means He gives you assurance to fully trust Him. God will take you by the hand as your guide to lead you in your way, pick you up when you fall, and to encourage you when you feel weak. All these things are done by Him and by His right hand that gives us victory.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 41:10
Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.*

Prayer

Dear God, keep holding my right hand to help, guide and give me strength. Thank You for being there for me always. Amen.





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PSALM 75:5-9

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF PROMOTION

Promotion is the condition of being moved to a higher position. For example, your daddy is promoted from being a Sales Executive to being a Sales Manager, or you are promoted to be a prefect in your school.

God has shown many proofs on how He promoted His children who obeyed Him. He promoted Joseph, Esther, David, the Shunammite woman and many others. God has His own way and time for promoting us.

This Psalm emphasizes that we should not use our own way to manipulate someone in order to get a promotion. We should not use the wrong way and ignore God's word in order to achieve a promotion.

When God gets involved in the process of your promotion, you will experience promotion that is beyond your comprehension.

God's favour is on you and surely, He will promote you at the right time. Wait for it!

Key verse:

*1 Peter 5:6
Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank You for Your perfect plan for me. Help me to always trust in You and wait patiently for Your perfect time.
Amen,*





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PSALM 76:7-12

WHEN GOD TURNS EVIL INTO GOOD

Surely you have heard about Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin. Both of them were notorious leaders. They were so powerful for a certain period of time.

HOWEVER, these men were still UNDER the sovereignty of God who created heaven and earth. God did not let their wickedness last for too long. God is the only Judge who is able to remove those who choose to commit evil acts.

God can use human's wickedness and stubbornness to demonstrate His love, care and extreme power. Remember when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let the Israelites go? God turned the situation into a demonstration of His extreme power through Moses and Aaron. Eventually, God gave victory to His people and destroyed those who opposed Him.

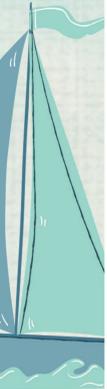
God is able to turn humans' evil scheme into good for those who love Him and put their trust on Him. Trust Him all the time.

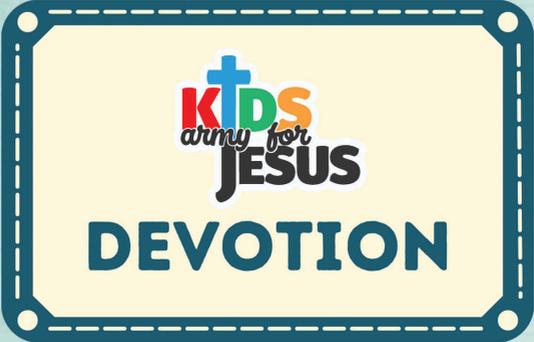
Key verse:

*Genesis 50:20a
You meant to hurt me. But God turned your evil into good.*

Prayer

Dear God, I praise You for Your sovereignty rules over all the world. Your power is above anything in this world. You are an all-powerful God. I put my trust in You. Amen.





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PSALM 77:1-14

FIX YOUR FOCUS



When you panic, you cannot really think clearly. Even worse, you might say hurtful words, make wrong decisions or take incorrect actions. When your heart is hurting, all you can think about is the causes of the pain and the hurtful memories that cause your tears. You find no comfort or joy. When you only focus on your pain, your mind will be governed by the hurtful feeling. All the negative thoughts will easily attack you.

If you are in a miserable state right now, please remember this simple fact. There is Someone who loves you so much that He was willing to die on the cross so that you'll be forgiven from all your sins. There is no greater love than this.

Fix your focus! Let's increase your focus on God and not on your problems. Let us do what the Psalmist wrote in these verses: 1) Cry out to God for help, 2) Seek God, 3) Praise God for His greatness.

Key verse:

*Psalm 77:13
God, Your ways
are holy. No god
is as great as
our God.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank
You for Your
great love to
me and give me
wisdom to always
fix my eyes and
heart on You.
Give me greater
faith in You.
Amen.*





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PSALM 80:14-19

TO PUT A SMILE ON GOD'S FACE

How do you picture God in your mind? Do you picture Him as a big, black bearded and white-haired man in a white robe? How about His face? Are you imagining Him laughing or smiling at you? One thing for sure - God smiles.

We smile in happy moments or when certain pleasant things happen. Certain things also put a smile on God's face. God is looking down at His children to see what they are doing on earth.

God smiles when you praise and worship Him.

God smiles when you're being kind to your little brother or sister.

God smiles when you help your friends with the school work.

God smiles when you help your mother do the house chores.

God smiles when you pray for your friend who is sick.

Putting a smile on God's face is not that difficult at all. Having God smile at you should be one of your goals in life.

Key verse:

*Psalm 80:19
LORD God
All-Powerful,
make us strong
again! Smile on
us and save us.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I will
live all my days
with kindness,
righteousness
and love so that
I can put a smile
on Your face.
Amen.*

