

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.





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NO SAFER PLACE

You can tell a lot about a person by knowing where he prefers spending his time most of the time. If he spends most of his time in the library, it means he likes stillness and finds that reading is his comfort zone. If he prefers staying at home most of the time, it means he feels that home is his safest place.

This Psalm writes that the sparrow built a home near God's altar. Altar is where all the animal sacrifices were made! How deep the sparrow's trust in God's protection was, that it preferred staying near the altar to other places.

The Psalmist says that even though his time is short, he'd rather spend only one day in God's presence than 1000 days anywhere else.

Be like the sparrow. When you are in His presence, believe that you are under the protection of God. There is no greater and safer place than God's presence. Be someone who loves to dwell in God's presence.

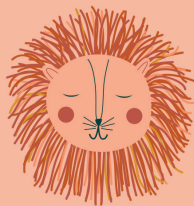
Key verse:

*Psalm 84:10
One day in your Temple is better than a thousand days anywhere else.*

Prayer

*Dear God, no matter what I'm doing, I'd rather be in Your presence because Your presence is all that I need.
Amen.*





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PSALM 85:8-13

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES: MERCY & TRUTH

Mercy and Truth, Righteousness and Peace are actually picturing God's attributes and how they work together.

Mercy is pure forgiveness while Truth is the condition of being true. Let's take Moses as an example. One of the truths about Moses is that there were times when he doubted God's supernatural power, yet God's mercy never even once left Moses.

Jesus Christ, with His mercy, took the truth about Moses, about you and me to His Cross. We can stand before God with joy and confidence because of what Jesus Christ has done for us.

Because of Jesus Christ, we can become righteous despite our true colours. When you know you have been made righteous by God's mercy, you will experience great peace in your heart and in your daily life.

Isn't this connection just beautiful beyond description? Indeed, the wonder of God's work and thoughts is just beyond our imagination. Jesus Christ has made the impossible to be possible. He has made the irreconcilable to be reconciled.

Key verse:

*Psalm 85:10
Mercy and
truth have
met together;
Righteousness
and peace have
kissed each
other.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus, I am
thankful for the
power of Your
cross that washed
away my sins
so that I can be
righteous in You
and so that peace
can overflow in
my heart and life.
Thank You, Jesus.
Amen.*





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PSALM 89:1-8

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, GOD!

Let's take a look up to the sky and find the end of the sky from where you are standing. Are you able to find the end of the sky? Even when you are inside a moving car, the sky will still look endless. This is also how God's faithfulness in your life is. It is endless. It has no limit.

Faithfulness is God's main attribute. This is His nature. God's faithfulness is known throughout the generation from time to time. God's faithfulness remains constant.

In every season of your life, God is faithful to you. When you cried over your stomach cramp, God was there to comfort you.

When you won that swimming championship, God was there and laughed with you.

When you were about to lie to your parents, He softly warned you in your heart.

The God who had made promises with David and fulfilled them is also your and my God. He is the One who has been and who will always be faithful to us. Praise God!

Key verse:

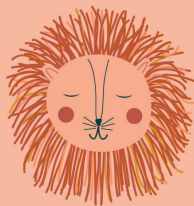
Psalm 89:2 (ERV)

I will say, "Your faithful love will last forever. Your loyalty is like the sky— there is no end to it!"

Prayer

Dear God, how great is Your faithfulness. You are all-powerful, strong and mighty God. There is no one like You. I lift Your name on high! Amen.





PSALM 90



THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE

Let's say, God gives you a lifespan of 80 years or 29,200 days. How many days will you still have left? How have you been spending your days up to today? Have you been passing your days wisely?

This Psalm reminds us that God is eternal and man is mortal. Eternal means never ending while mortal means the opposite. It reminds us also that God is sovereign in all things including time. God has power over the time that He created.

God's time is not the same as our time on earth. 2 Peter 3:8 says: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. Well, we cannot really understand God's time system. However, one thing for sure, time keeps passing by and our time on earth is limited.

Let's treat each day as a valuable gift from God. Let's make the most of what little time you have. Let's ask for wisdom from God to help you use your time in a way that pleases and honors Him.

Key verse:

*Psalm 90:12
Teach us to
number our
days, that we
may gain a heart
of wisdom.*

Prayer

*Dear God, give
me wisdom so
that I can use my
days wisely. I will
do things that
honour Your holy
name. Amen.*





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PSALM 91:3-13

GOD'S ANGELS PROTECT US

God protects you and me from any danger. There are many ways of how God protects us. One of the ways is by sending His angels. Angels are God's messengers. They are in a mission to protect and guard His children on earth.

The angels are still among us. The angels who protected Lot in Sodom and the angels who surrounded Elisha and his servant still exist these days. They are surrounding and protecting us today.

Angels are powerful and caring. They are strong enough to lift us out of danger and caring enough to carry us like a mother carries her little child in her arms. The angels are with you even when you sleep at night!

God promises to protect us and even send His angels to guard us from harm. Isn't it wonderful knowing that the King of the universe is so mindful of keeping us safe to the extent of sending His messengers just to guard us? How precious we are!

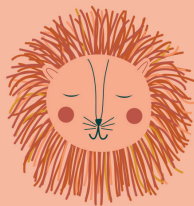
Key verse:

*Psalm 91:11
For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways*

Prayer

Dear God, thank You that You always protect me from any harm and danger. Thank You for the angels that You sent just to keep me safe. Amen.





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THE SOVEREIGN AND MIGHTY GOD

Huge waves crash onto the land and cause the ship and the crew to be in a dangerous situation, but God is mightier than the huge waves.

Wild wind can blow away trees, big buildings, houses or cars, but God is mightier than the wild winds.

Very strong wind and heavy rain can create a violent hurricane but God is mightier than the hurricanes.

Scientists study about the waves, storms or hurricanes and they can forecast when they will be coming and reach the land but they do not have the technology to stop or control them accurately. Only God can control them. Just a word from God can subdue them.

Sovereignty is supreme power. The sovereign God created and rules the entire universe, from the smallest insect on the ground to the largest star in the sky.

'God is sovereign' means that He has the ultimate power and authority. Put your faith in God's limitless power, in God's sovereignty!

Key verse:

*Jeremiah 32:17
Ah, sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You.*

Prayer

Dear God, I might be so small living in a big and dangerous world but I know that the whole world is under Your control and power. You are a mighty and sovereign God! Amen.

