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ECCLESIASTES 11

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

Indeed, nobody knows their future.
 Thirty years ago, who knew the Internet would become as worldwide as it is?
 Who would have imagined the way we celebrated Christmas in 2020 would be totally different from the previous years?
 In the beginning of 2020, who would have thought Covid19 would spread widely to all the nations worldwide and affect the world badly?
 You will never know, maybe one of your classmates is going to be the president of Singapore!

This Bible tells you and me to do good wherever you go and wherever you are because the good things you have done in the past, will come back to you and help you when you are in need.

What goes around comes around. Childhood and youth are such a wonderful phase that will only be around for a limited period of time. Cherish your childhood and youth with good deeds and don't waste it with bad deeds. God gives the gift of childhood and youth, so rejoice and be glad in it. With God holding your future, in addition to all the good deeds you do, surely a bright future awaits you.

Key verse:

*Ecclesiastes 11:1
 Do good things everywhere you go. After a while the good you do will return to help you.*

Prayer

Dear God, let me live my childhood and youth by doing what You want me to do. Let me use this opportunity to spread kindness to others. Amen.





ISAIAH 1:8-20

A TRUE WORSHIPPER

The book of Isaiah is written by the Prophet Isaiah and he was a prophet of Jerusalem during the reign of King Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. One day, God came to him and showed him about what would happen to Judah and Jerusalem.

During his time, people still worshipped God, regularly gave sacrifices and offerings and prayed to God. However, God was displeased with them because their hearts were far away from God. Their daily lives were full of sins and hypocrisy.

Worship is not only about singing. It is more about your lifestyle. A true worshipper goes through each day living with a Christ-like spirit. Every word and action should reflect God's love and honour Him.

So if you worship and pray to God but your lifestyle is against God's ways, God is not pleased with it. Be a true worshipper. Worship God from the deepest part of your heart and live your daily life that honors Him.

Key verse:

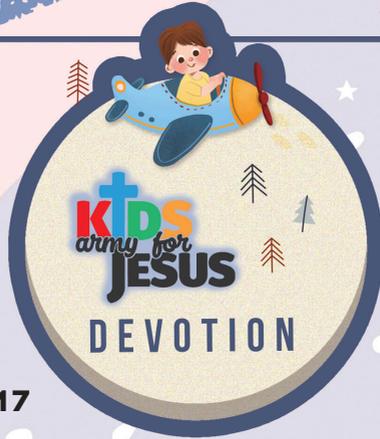
*Isaiah 1:16
Wash yourselves
and make
yourselves
clean. Stop
doing the evil
things I see you
do.*

*Stop doing
wrong!*

Prayer

*Dear God, I
want to be a
true worshipper
where my heart
is near to You
and my words
and actions in my
daily life honour
You.
Amen.*





ISAIAH 2:12-17

BE FULL OF GOD, NOT OF YOURSELF

The tall and strong cedars of Lebanon that can grow up to 40m and the oaks of Bashan that is known for their great and mighty strength will become nothing if God decides to bring them down. God can destroy even the tallest mountain, the highest tower and hill and the strongest ship with only one tiny snap!

This is how easy God can bring down the proud, arrogant and boastful people on earth. All their wealth, power, success and money will become nothing and zero when God interferes to bring them low.

All of people's accomplishments will be nothing compared to what God establishes on earth and in heaven. Acknowledge God in all of your success. Praise God for all your accomplishments. Give all the glory to God for all the wealth and blessings that you are enjoying right now.

As a child of God, being proud and boastful is not supposed to be in our list because it is a sin. Proud and boastful people are full of themselves while humble people are full of God. People's power is limited while God's is limitless.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 2:17
At that time proud people will stop being proud. They will bow low with shame. And at that time only the Lord will be praised.*

Prayer

*Dear God,
forgive me if I still have a sense of arrogance in my heart. Teach and guide me to always be full of You in my life.
Amen.*





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ISAIAH 6

“HERE I AM! SEND ME!”

By the end of 1995, the Bible had already been printed for about 5 billion copies worldwide! So by the end of 2017, it should have been more than 5 billion! The total population in this world by 2017 was about 7.7 billion people. By looking at the above figures, rightfully, 6 out of 10 people should have owned a Bible. But sadly to say, there are still so many people who have never heard about Jesus and what He has done for them.

Verse 8 actually teaches you and me that whenever God calls upon us to do something great, let's say “Here I am! Send me!”. In Matthew 9:37, Jesus even says that there are a lot of unbelievers who do not know Him yet but only few people are willing to help and tell them about God.

Be ready to be the person who tells God “Here I am! Send me!”. Let every word from your mouth be a blessing to others. Let every act in your life be a good example to others. Yes, we can do it because the Holy Spirit is already in us to guide and teach us!

Key verse:

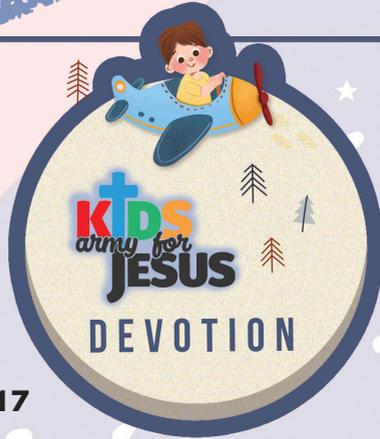
Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the Lord's voice. He said, “Whom can I send? Who will go for us?” So I said, “Here I am. Send me!”

Prayer

Here I am, God. Please send me to be a blessing to others and use me to glorify Your name and kingdom. Amen.





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ISAIAH 7:13-17

IMMANUEL

God again gave His prophecy to the Prophet Isaiah. A boy would be born and he would be called Immanuel.

The name Immanuel literally means, "The strong God is with you and me." In other words, God is always with us in every season of life, in both good and bad days and every single minute of your breath.

This prophecy was really fulfilled when seven hundred years after Isaiah spoke these words, a woman named Mary who was betrothed to marry a man named Joseph had a visit from an angel. The angel told her that through her the Messiah would come. He is Jesus, our Immanuel.

This prophecy fulfillment is giving us affirmation, faith and hope that our God is a promise-keeper. No matter how long it is going to take, once He promises something, He surely keeps it and makes it really happen. While waiting for the promises to be fulfilled, remember that He is always with us.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 7:14
Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.*

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving me Jesus who is always with me in every single second of my life. I am never alone. Amen.





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ISAIAH 9:6-7

ALL ABOUT JESUS

A wonderful Counselor is like a wise king who is giving guidance to His people. Jesus as the Wonderful Counselor means that we can trust Him to listen to our problems and guide us in the right direction. He is listening to our prayers, problems and worries. Knowing this, we will never feel alone.

A mighty God means He is a superhero! Jesus is the only superhero who did not only defeat death but also resurrected again and has eternal life in heaven!

A main job of a Father is to protect and provide for his children. Jesus is our Everlasting Father. He cares about you and me to the extent that He will ensure that our every need will be taken care of by Him. Knowing this, we should have no worries about our future.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace because He is able to restore every broken relationship and heal the broken hearts. Only Jesus can give us peace that nobody else can offer. Knowing this, we can always have peace regardless of what situations we are having.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 9:6b
And He will
be called
Wonderful
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting
Father, Prince of
Peace.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus,
You are my
Wonderful
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting
Father, Prince of
Peace. There is
no one like You.
Amen.*





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ISAIAH 12

A HYMN OF LOVE

This whole verse is a hymn of love to God. It praises God's unfailing forgiveness. Though God hates our sins, He personally came to earth to become our salvation. You and I deserve His punishment. However, instead of giving us the punishment, Jesus took all our punishment and gave us eternal life.

He does not only save us. He also becomes our strength in life. There are many things He has done in our life from the moment we were born to this world, to the day when we attended our first day in primary one, the moments when we were having difficulties in our exams and tests, the moments when we felt pressurized with the upcoming exam results, the moment we had arguments with our best friends and in every other moment of our life. No matter how scary or bad our situations are, God ultimately becomes our source of strength.

It is only right that when someone has done so many great things for us, that we show our thankfulness and appreciation. One of the ways is by giving Him our most sincere hymns of love. Let's proclaim His goodness.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 12:5
Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.*

Prayer

Dear God, I sing to You Lord a hymn of love and praise for You are too good and wonderful to me. Amen.

