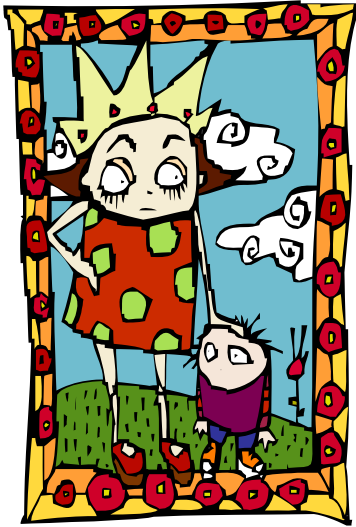


How Can we Handle BULLYING?

Part I



God Allows
the
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To
BULLY!

OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

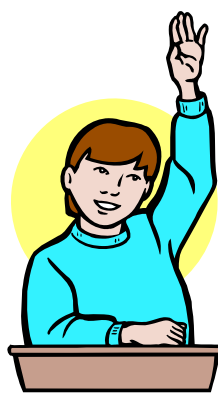
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Last September our students asked 4 great questions! Here they are:



How can we avoid temptations such as drugs & alcohol?

How can we handle bullying?

What are some different ways we can help each other?

What does the Bible say about Michael the archangel?

We spent many months answering the 1st question. We SEARCHED our King James Bible to see God's answer & we FOUND His answer. God is the ONLY ONE with the EXACT RIGHT ANSWERS to our questions!

Anytime we have questions, we should prayerfully ask God for His answer. Then we should faithfully keep on reading our bibles, obeying what God says there, going to a church where God's Word is carefully taught & then wait for God to give us His answer. As we WAIT for God to give us His answer to our specific question, He will teach us many other things too as we keep on praying & learning & obeying His Word. Lots of times, God must teach us a whole lot of other things first before we are able to understand His answer to our original question! But God PROMISES that if we TRULY DO want His answer, He WILL give it to us! Here is what God says:

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not (God does not criticize or scold harshly when we ask Him questions.) and it shall be given him.

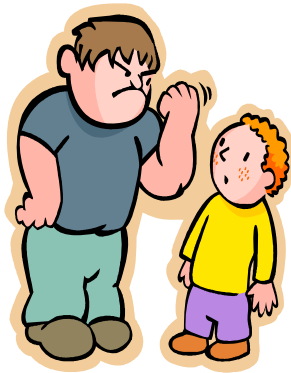
But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.” James 1:5-6KJB

Today we will begin to SEARCH our KING JAMES BIBLE to find the answer to the 2nd question that our students asked:

How can we handle bullying?

We will begin our answer by first asking another QUESTION !

What is a BULLY?



A BULLY is a person who tries to frighten others into doing or not doing something. Many times A BULLY tries to frighten others into doing things that

God says are WRONG to do! A BULLY uses words & even physical violence to frighten another person. By acting in this

mean way, a BULLY tries to make others feel HELPLESS & WEAK! A BULLY mistreats people whom HE THINKS are weak.

So now that we know exactly WHAT a bully is,

How can we handle bullying?

The first thing do is we must realize that if someone IS trying to BULLY us, GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT! In fact, that BULLY could NOT try to bully you unless God ALLOWED him or her to try to bully you! How do I know that? Well, scripture tells us this is so! Scripture tells us that NOTHING can happen in this entire universe unless GOD ALLOWS IT TO HAPPEN! Not even a tiny sparrow can fall to the ground unless God allows it to be so!



"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing (a coin worth only 1\4 of a penny)? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." Matthew 10:29KJB

God is THE SUPREME BOSS OF THE UNIVERSE! Only what HE says will happen to you, will happen to you! In Isaiah 46:10-11 KJB,

The Lord says this about HIMSELF:

"Remember the former things of old: for I *am*

God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me,

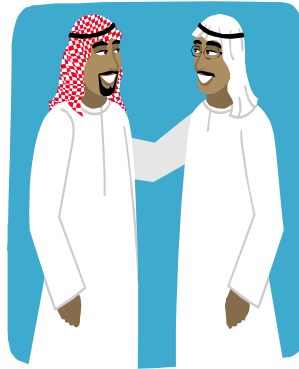
Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken *it*, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it."

Read what 2 people from the past said when other people said or did things that were meant to frighten them or hurt them. Genesis 45:4-5 KJB tells us what a man named Joseph said to his very own brothers even though they had sold him to be a slave when he was only a teenager so that they could get rid of him. Joseph should have hated his brothers & been so bitter against them for selling him as a slave; but instead, Joseph said this:

"And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near, and he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to pre-



serve life."

Someday we will learn about this man Joseph & all the things that God allowed to happen to him; but for today, just realize that Joseph UNDERSTOOD that all the problems he faced were DECLARED TO HAPPEN by God! And God USED all these "DIFFICULT PROBLEMS" in Joseph's life to do GREAT THINGS for Joseph, for his family & for many people of Israel! Joseph knew that even when "BAD THINGS" happen to us, God is in control & has a RIGHT & GOOD reason for allowing such things - INCLUDING BULLIES! Ro 8:28-29 KJB

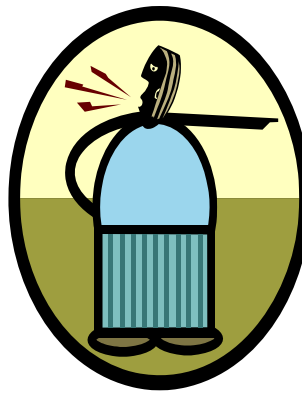
Another man who UNDERSTOOD that NOTHING can happen to us unless God allows it was King David. Once when King David had traveled to a place called Bahurim, a man named Shimei, came out of a house and

CURSED

David loudly with evil words. And not only did this man Shimei CURSE David with evil words, but he also tried to PHYSICALLY HARM him!

Now doesn't what Shimei did sound like our definition of a BULLY? Here is what Shimei did while he shouted curses loudly upon David:

"And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and



all the mighty men *were* on his right hand and on his left.

And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial.”
2Samuel 16:6-7 KJB

Shimei then also shouted out words to try to make King David think he was too weak to remain king. After Shimei shouted out all these things & threw stones at David & his men, one of David’s men wanted to go over to Shimei & “take off his head”! But look at what King David answered his man:
2Samuel 16:11 KJB



“And the king said, what have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, wherefore hast thou done so... let him alone, and let him curse: for the LORD hath bidden him.”

And so we see that King David, like the young man Joseph, UNDERSTOOD that NOTHING CAN HAPPEN TO US & BULLIES CAN’T BULLY US unless GOD ALLOWS IT!

AND WHY WOULD GOD ALLOW IT?

Why does God allow BULLIES TO BULLY?

Well, King David gives God’s MAIN REASON

why! Let's read what King David said that day that Shimei cursed him & threw stones at him & tried to make him feel small & weak:

It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction (my problem, my suffering) and requite (return or pay back) me good for his cursing this day."

David knew that God ALWAYS has GOOD reasons for allowing certain suffering & BULLIES in our lives! So let's read what David did at THIS TIME when God allowed this particular bully to try to SCARE HIM & make fun of him!

"And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust." 2Sam 16:13 KJB



This time David & his men IGNORED THE BULLY! SOMETIMES that is what God wants us to do. As FAR AS POSSIBLE, God wants us to BE AT PEACE with others & let Him deal with the bullies in our lives. Romans 12:14,17-20 tells us this clearly. Read it for yourself.

HOWEVER, though God does NOT want us EVER to have a "GET EVEN" attitude toward anyone, there WILL be times when God says we must DEFEND ourselves against the BULLIES! So we must STAY in God's Word so we will learn when to IGNORE the bully & when to DEFEND ourselves.

We'll continue with this NEXT WEEK! JOIN US!

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