

Questions Asked By Mid-Schoolers – Part 19

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These questions were submitted anonymously by a group of 30 mid-schoolers who regularly attend church & AWANAs.

How do we know that what we believe is real? How do we know Jesus is real? There are people out there who believe in something else as strongly as you and I believe and they think what they believe is right just as I believe the Gospel is true. How can I be sure I'm believing in the right thing?

The best way to decide what to believe is to objectively gather all the relevant evidence regarding a matter and deeply analyze it without bias to see what truth it is pointing to (**Matthew 22:37, Proverbs 18:15**). Unfortunately, this is not how most people decide what to believe!

Most people decide what to believe by determining what belief would make their life the easiest or most enjoyable (**Proverbs 12:15, Ecclesiastes 10:2**). For example, why is an atheist an atheist? Is it because they have objectively analyzed all the evidence and the evidence forces them to admit that its just not possible for God to exist? No. Its because that person has decided that their life would be best if there was no God. If there was no God then they could do anything they wanted and no one could ever say they were doing anything wrong. Since my life would be most satisfying to me if God did not exist, I am, therefore an atheist! Notice that in making their decision there was no gathering of evidence or deep analysis of alternatives. Now that they have decided to be an atheist, as they go through life and occasionally come across things that seem to support their belief, they casually point to those things as evidence supporting their position, while ignoring contradictory evidence. But their decision was made much earlier.

In his book, *The Last Word*, atheist Thomas Nagel wrote, "I want atheism to be true and am made uneasy by the fact that some of the most intelligent and well-informed people I know are religious believers. It isn't just that I don't believe in God and, naturally, hope that I'm right in my belief. It's that I hope there is no God! I don't want there to be a God; I don't want the universe to be like that." (**Proverbs 18:2, Proverbs 19:3**)

Why does a person become a Hindu? Is it because they have gathered all the relevant information and analyzed all the alternative beliefs to see which one best fits the evidence? No. Instead they determine what belief would be best for their life if it was true. If I grew up in a Hindu culture and everyone in my family and my friends and my society were Hindu, it would be easiest and most enjoyable for me if the Hindu God was the real God. Therefore, I am Hindu.

You will also notice that when people of different religions get married one of them will often switch to the other person's religion. Why? Is it because they suddenly completed an in-depth analysis of the evidence and it pushed them to the other religion? No. They did it because they believed their marriage would be more successful (i.e. their life would be better) if the religion of their spouse happened to be true.

So, the vast majority of people decide what they believe based on what they think would most improve their lives if it was true (**Proverbs 28:26, Jeremiah 17:9**). They can be very passionate about their belief but that doesn't mean its true, it just demonstrates how much they want it to be true.

Key Point: *People are not deciding what to believe based on an unbiased gathering and analysis of the evidence. If they did, everyone would become a Christian, because the evidence overwhelmingly points to the God of the Bible.*

First Decision: God or No God?

Let's start by working through a series of decisions. The first decision is, "Am I going to be an atheist or am I going to believe that there is a God?" The evidence we will analyze to make this decision is the physical universe (**Rom 1:18–20, Jeremiah 32:17**)

When you look at the complexity of the universe and biology and the delicate balance that everything is in that is required for life on Earth to currently exist what is the best explanation? There are millions of things in perfect balance all of which are needed for life to exist on Earth. The atmosphere has just the right percentage of oxygen in it. The orbit of the Earth is exactly perfect for supporting life on the Earth. The Sun is 93 million miles away from Earth but I can walk out my door without even a coat on on a nice spring day and enjoy the perfectly balanced fresh air and not float away or be crushed by too much gravity. As we learn more about the operations of a single human cell we realize its operational complexity is greater than that of an aircraft carrier! And that is just one cell.

So, I have two options. I can look at this evidence and decide that there must be a God who created all of this or the alternative is to believe the following:

- 1) Nothing existed, no light, no energy, no atoms (not even one atom), time did not exist, and yes, even empty space did not exist. Then, for no known reason, the nothingness exploded into energy and light, and even space came into being all by itself with no God doing it.
- 2) Some of the energy somehow turned itself into subatomic particles. These particles randomly bumped into each other and somehow formed themselves into atoms.
- 3) Over billions of years the atoms randomly bumped into each other and somehow formed a variety of different elements and molecules and even chemicals.
- 4) The chemicals randomly bumped into each other over long periods of time and somehow the result was a living cell operating with the complexity of an aircraft carrier. Then somehow this single cell figured out a way to replicate itself over and over.
- 5) The living cells somehow diversified themselves into many different types of cells and as these cells randomly bumped into other chemicals the cells started to turn themselves into organisms that had many different types of cells.
- 6) The multi-cell organisms continued randomly bumping into other cells and chemicals and turned into more and more complex plants and animals.
- 7) Although there was no driver for it, as the animals became more and more complex through random movements of cells and chemicals and particles, they developed two versions of themselves, some male, and some female that just so happen to perfectly fit together in such a way that the only way the species could continue is by requiring sexual relations between them (a significant liability in terms of survival of the species).
- 8) While all of this was happening other atoms were somehow coming together to make stars and planets and moons and all of these were somehow positioning themselves so that they were spaced exactly in the right spots so that life and all the other life related things could develop without being destroyed by extreme heat/cold, cosmic radiation, too much or too little water, too much or too little oxygen, etc.

This is ridiculous! How could all of this happen without someone directing it (**Psalm 14:1**)? It would be much easier to believe that wind and weather, acting on a mountain over billions of years, would somehow carve the images of the faces of 4 US presidents into it, and I don't know anyone who believes that! Therefore, the physical evidence of the Universe itself strongly points to the existence of God rather than to atheism. This answers the first question.



Second Decision: Is God Knowable or Unknowable?

Since God exists is He knowable or unknowable?

If God is not knowable then how would I live my life?

I would essentially live my life the way I thought was best. There would be no difference in the way I lived my life and the way the atheist lived their life. The only difference would be that the atheist would live however they wanted with the belief that when they die they ceased to exist. If I believed that God was not knowable then I would live my life the way that I thought was best and then wait to see what happens after I die. Why would God go to all this trouble to create us if we are just going to live like those who don't believe He exists? It doesn't make a lot of sense. Therefore, I would expect God to be knowable. (**Jeremiah 9:23-24, Acts 17:22-31**)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Rushmore

Third Decision: Has God Written Something For Us So That We Can Know Him?

Since God exists and He is knowable, I would have expected Him to write something down for us. Why? Because of the way He designed us. Humans are not very good at remembering details over long periods of time. We remember things incorrectly or partially, and we forget important agreements and details. To overcome this problem we document in written contracts every important event in our lives. This includes birth/baptism/marriage/death certificates, school records, car and home ownership, insurance policies of various types, loan agreements, employment agreements, etc. Every time you download new software or apps to your phone or computer you have to click the "agree" button on the written contract before you can proceed. By having these agreements in writing we can go back and remind ourselves of the details of exactly what it was that we agreed to. Since God knows that we are like this, I would expect Him to make Himself knowable to us by providing us with a written document that we can study, analyze, and review whenever we need to. (**Exodus 24:12, Exodus 34:27, Deuteronomy 27, Deuteronomy 28, Joshua 1, Joshua 23, Luke 1, Acts 1, John 20, Romans 15**)

Fourth Decision: Of All the Religious Writings In The World, Which One Is From The Real God?

For the answer to this fourth question please see the study, "Can I Really Trust The Bible?" at:

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(**Matthew 22:37, Proverbs 18:15, Proverbs 12:15, Ecclesiastes 10:2, Proverbs 18:2, Proverbs 19:3, Proverbs 28:26, Jeremiah 17:9, Rom 1:18–20, Jeremiah 32:17, Psalm 14:1, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Acts 17:22-31, Ex 24:12, Ex 34:27, Deuteronomy 27, Deuteronomy 28, Joshua 1, Joshua 23, Luke 1, Acts 1, John 20, Romans 15**)

God allowed satan to tempt Adam & Eve and God knew what the outcome would be. Did we ever have a chance?

Adam and Eve definitely had a chance to be obedient to God because they did not have a sin nature when they were created, they were friends of God, and God never allows His friends to be tempted beyond their ability to resist (**I Corinthians 10:13**). The fact that God knew the outcome ahead of time (foreknowledge) plays no role in whether someone's decision was good or bad or whether the person should be held accountable or not. Foreknowledge also does not transfer accountability for someone else's decisions to God, it just means He knew what they would decide ahead of time, but it was still their decision. However, even though Adam and Eve really did have a legitimate chance to live in complete obedience to God, their descendants did not! When Adam and Eve sinned the entire creation was negatively affected in its nature including in Adam and Eve. (**Romans 5:12-21, Romans 8:18-25**). As a result, the descendants of Adam and Eve inherited a spiritual condition known as "depravity". **Depravity:** *the quality or state of being corrupt, evil, perverted, or distorted*. We were born with it and from the very first day of our life it stains everything about us – our mind, our will, and our emotions. As a result, our thinking is twisted, our desires are inappropriate, and our feelings are distorted. Because of depravity (i.e. our sin nature) there is no one who is righteous, no one who understands, no one who seeks God, no one who fears God. The religions of the world are often described as people doing their best to seek God but falling short. This is not true. They are not seeking God – they are going their own way – trying to make God in their own image (**Romans 3:10-18**). The depraved human heart does not seek spiritual truth but instead suppresses it. The depraved heart knows God exists but refuses to honor Him or give Him thanks. Instead of listening to and obeying God, man's depravity draws him toward darkness, foolishness, and futility in his thinking, his decision-making, and his feelings (**Romans 1:18-32**). We are not born as innocent babies, morally neutral until stained by the world. We are born with a depraved sin nature imputed to us from Adam. We inherited it similarly to how we inherit physical characteristics through our parents DNA. **Impute:** *to lay the responsibility or blame for something on someone; to credit or ascribe something to a person or a cause; attribute*. So, we sin because that is our nature (**Ps 51:5, Ps 58:3, Job 15:16**).

"The fallenness that captures and grips our human nature affects our bodies; that's why we become ill and die. It affects our minds and our thinking; we still have the capacity to think, but the Bible says the mind has become darkened and weakened. The will of man is no longer in its pristine state of moral power. The will, according to the New Testament, is now in bondage. We are enslaved to the evil impulses and desires of our hearts. The body, the mind, the will, the spirit—indeed, the whole person—have been infected by the power of sin." - R.C. Sproul

(I Cor 10:13, Rom 5:12-21, Rom 8:18-25, Rom 3:10-18, Rom 1:18-32, Psalm 51:5, Psalm 58:3, Job 15:16)

We hear that if any of us were in Adam and Eve's shoes we would have chosen sin. If this was the case we are flawed, made to inherently choose to rebel? "Man brought sin into the world" – did we have a choice? We are born into a sinful world and cannot not sin? So how can we be held accountable for something we can't control.

Please read the answer to the previous question first. I don't know of any place in the Bible that says all of us would have made the same choice Adam and Eve did. Adam and Eve had a legitimate opportunity to obey God and not sin and if we had been in their place we would have had that same legitimate opportunity since we would not have had a sin nature. The statement that "any of us would have sinned if we were in Adam and Eve's shoes" (were they wearing shoes?) is made by people who have a sin nature. Their comment is more a reflection on what a person with a sin nature would have done in that situation rather than what might have happened without a sin nature. Since the rest of us also have sin natures, we hear this statement and easily accept it without really looking to see what God said about it. Since the Bible is silent on the question of what every person would have done without a sin nature and put in Adam and Eve's situation, it is dangerous to make speculative comments about it. This is why it is important to always double check what someone says with what the Bible says (**Acts 17:11**). Having said that, we have a type of test case with the angels. All of the angels were created without a sin nature and they do not reproduce so none of them inherited a sin nature, but they all experienced the temptation to follow satan in rebellion against God. So, like Adam and Eve they were tempted to sin by satan and they did not have a sin nature. The end result was two things: 1) 1/3 of the angels chose sin and 2/3 did not (**Revelation 12:1-9**), 2) God did not provide any hope of forgiveness or salvation to the 1/3 who rebelled (**Hebrews 2:16, Matthew 25:41, Revelation 20:10**). So, if this test case applies to humans, then if put in Adam and Eve's shoes, some of us would have chosen sin and some would not have. But the ones that chose sin would have no hope of salvation. In our case we all inherited the sin nature from Adam and Eve and had no chance of not sinning but, God balanced that with the grace and mercy of giving us a path to salvation through Christ (**Romans 5:8**). Something not provided to fallen angels.

In regard to accountability we are accountable for our actions regardless of what our natural tendencies are. For example, looking at my family history I suspect I have a high genetic susceptibility toward alcoholism and yet I am not an alcoholic. Why? Because I choose to not drink alcohol. Other people without this susceptibility may be able to drink alcohol on a regular basis and never become an alcoholic. But, perhaps, in my case I would quickly become one. That's not fair but that is the way it is. If I did become an alcoholic it would be silly for me to argue that I should not be held accountable because I inherited this susceptibility from my parents DNA. I would still be held accountable for becoming an alcoholic because I could have chosen to not indulge my natural tendency. Regardless of the arguments I try to make, the end result is that I would still bear the consequences of my choice to drink alcohol.

The Good News is that God did not leave us without a way out. Because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross the results of Adam and Eve's sin (and our own sin) has been dealt with through this one man, Christ. You may not like the idea that you were born spiritually dead because of what someone else did (Adam), but you should appreciate that you were made spiritually alive because of what someone else did - Christ (**Romans 5**).

(Acts 17:11, Revelation 12:1-9, Hebrews 2:16, Matthew 25:41, Revelation 20:10, Romans 5)

I feel a call to the mission field but I'm 13. What can I do now before I am an adult?

Focus on developing and applying the disciplines of the Christian life (daily Bible reading, attending/leading Bible studies, memorizing scripture, prayer, learning how and sharing the gospel, learning how to fellowship with other Christians, giving, serving, abstaining from sexual immorality and sensuality). This is by far the most important thing. Then, talk to your youth minister about what mission opportunities are available. As you get older there will be more options for missions available to you in terms of short term mission trips. I have been on three short term (i.e. two-week) mission trips to African countries. There were two things I noticed about these trips. First, the amount of effective ministry opportunities that occurred far surpassed what I typically have in the United States. I noticed that in terms of the number of Bible lessons and people I taught, the number of people I was able to share the gospel with, and the number of people who became Christians as a result was equivalent (in two weeks) to what I might do in the U.S. in a year. The second thing I noticed is how much more difficult it was to actually do the ministry. It was much harder to do the ministry on a mission trip than in the U.S. So, missions are a great opportunity to be used by God in a larger way, but its hard! As a result, to be effective on mission trips you will need to over prepare.

Here's why. When I went to Africa I flew 22 hours across 9 time zones to get there. There was a 9 hour time difference from my home in the U.S. At 4pm in Africa, while I am teaching a lesson to 20 church leaders or teaching 50 people how to do the Bridge Illustration, my brain wanted to shutdown like it was 1:00am in the middle of the night (by the way, this effect is called "jetlag"). My brain was only half working, yet I was expected to minister at the top of my abilities sometimes to hundreds of people, sometimes to pastors. Electrical power is intermittent in Africa so sometimes it was on and sometimes you worked, visited, studied, and taught, by flashlight or lantern. I often started teaching at 6am (note: this is a testament to the commitment of the African Christians to learn God's Word) and stopped at 5 pm with preparations for the next day being worked in the evenings. I loved going on these mission trips. They were one of the highlights of my life. But to overcome the disorientation of all the things mentioned above (and others), you have to over prepare. You have to have your Bridge Illustration so well memorized you can do it in any circumstance without even having to think about it. You need to have your Bible lessons documented in writing and practiced so that you can teach effectively even though your brain is half asleep. All of these things require you to be over prepared so that the opportunity is not lost.

One last story. After two weeks on the mission field I flew back to the U.S. On the way back my airplane was chasing the Sun (flying in the opposite direction from the Earth's rotation) which means the Sun effectively stays up for 9 hours longer than it usually does. So, after one last full day of ministry I caught an evening flight out flying 22 hours without any real sleep or a shower (about 30 hours total with no sleep/shower). On the last leg of the journey I had a two hour flight from Texas to Albuquerque on a small commuter plane. Since I was back in the U.S. my adrenaline had worn off and I was extremely tired and dirty and uncomfortable (I usually sleep for two days straight once I am home). I would have been justified in wanting to just sleep on the plane. But there was a college student sitting next to me and I was on a mission trip so I shared the Bridge Illustration with him and he became a Christian. Then I spent the rest of the flight answering his questions. Mission trips are hard but they are worth it! But you will have to over prepare!

(II Timothy 2:20-26, I Peter 1:13-19, I Timothy 4:6-16, Exodus 15:2, Psalm 28:7, Psalm 138:3, Proverbs 24:10, Mark 12:30, Philippians 4:13)

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *How Do We Know That What We Believe is Real?*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 22:37, Proverbs 18:15*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Proverbs 12:15, Ecclesiastes 10:2, Proverbs 18:2*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Proverbs 19:3, Proverbs 28:26, Jeremiah 17:9*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 1:18-20, Jeremiah 32:17*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalms 14:1, Jeremiah 9:23-24*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Acts 17:22-31*

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THEME: *How Do We Know That What We Believe is Real?*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Exodus 24:12, Exodus 34:27*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Deuteronomy 27*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Deuteronomy 28*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Joshua 1*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Joshua 23*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Luke 1*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Acts 1*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 20*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 15*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

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JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *God Allowed satan to Tempt Adam & Eve and Knew the Outcome. Did We Ever Have a Chance?*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Corinthians 10:13*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 5:12-21*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 8:18-25*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *God Allowed satan to Tempt Adam & Eve and Knew the Outcome. Did We Ever Have a Chance?*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 3:10-18*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 1:18-32*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalm 51:5, Psalm 58:3, Job 15:16*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *If We Were in Adam & Eve's Situation Would We Have All Chosen Sin?*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Acts 17:11*

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When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 12:1-9*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 2:16*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 25:41*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 20:10*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 5*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *I feel a call to the mission field but I am 13. What can I do now before I am an adult?*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Timothy 2:20-26*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Peter 1:13-19*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Timothy 4:6-16*

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Exodus 15:2, Psalm 28:7*

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How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalm 138:3, Proverbs 24:10*

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