

Psalms This is incredible!

Psalms 117 is the shortest chapter in the Bible.

Psalms 118 is the center chapter in the Bible.

Psalms 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible.

There are 594 chapters before and after Psalms 118.

Double 594 and you get 1188 and the center verse in the Bible is Psalms 118:8.

Psalms 118:8 – “It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.”

Taps

In 1862 during the Civil War, Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked for a whole Army band but due to his son being the enemy the Army granted him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler and asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

The wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as “Taps” ... used at military funerals was born.

Day is done...Gone the sun... From the lakes, From the hills, From the sky...All is well...Safely rest....God is nigh.

Fading light...Dims the sight...And a star...Gems the sky, Gleaming bright...From afar...Drawing nigh...Falls the night.

Thanks and praise...For our days...Neath the sun, Neath the stars, Neath the sky...As we ho...This we know...God is nigh.

Of the first 108 universities founded in America, 106 were distinctly Christian, including the first. Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook rule number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures:

“Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3; and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of him (Proverbs 2:3).”

For over 100 years, more than half of all Harvard graduates were pastors!

However in 1947, there was a radical change of direction in the Supreme Court. The prayer, “Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence on Thee. We beg Thy blessings upon us and our parents and our teachers and our country. Amen” was outlawed because, “If portions of the New Testament were read without explanation, they could and have been psychologically harmful to children.”

In 1965, the Courts denied as unconstitutional the rights of a student in the public school cafeteria to bow his head and pray audibly for his food.

In 1980, Stone vs. Graham outlawed the Ten Commandments in our public schools because the Supreme Court said, “If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments were to have any effect at all, it would be to induce school children to read them. And if they read them, meditated upon them, and perhaps venerated and observed them, this is not a permissible objective.”

52 of the 55 signers of The Declaration of Independence were orthodox, deeply committed Christians? The other three all believed in the Bible as the divine truth, the God of scripture, and His personal intervention.

Patrick Henry really said, “An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle sir, is not of the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death.”

Patrick Henry in 1776 wrote, “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that, that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here.”

Thomas Jefferson wrote on the front of his well – worn Bible: “I am a Christian, that is to say a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator and, I hope, to the pure doctrine of Jesus also.”

George Washington, in his farewell speech on Sep 19, 1796: “It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible. Of all the dispositions and habits that lead to political prosperity, our

religion and morality are the indispensable supporters. Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that our national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

Our first Court Justice, John Jay stated, when we select our national leaders, if we are to preserve our Nation, we must select Christians or in his exact words, “Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian Nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

On July 4, 1821, President John Quincy Adams said, “The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.”