THE BRONZE BOW

THE PASSAGE THAT DANIEL, JOEL, & THACIA LOOK TO – & THAT THE TITLE OF THE BOOK IS TAKEN FROM – IS FROM <u>PSALM 18</u>. THIS PASSAGE IS ALSO MIRRORED IN <u>2 SAMUEL</u> <u>22</u>. BOTH ARE RECORDS OF DAVID'S PRAISE WHEN GOD SAVED HIM FROM A NUMBER OF ENEMIES, INCLUDING KING SAUL. READ BOTH OF THESE PASSAGES & THINK ABOUT THEM. WRITE DOWN, DRAW, OR TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK THEY MEAN.

THE EVENTS IN DAVID'S LIFE TOOK PLACE ABOUT 1,000 YEARS BEFORE THE EVENTS OF THE STORY. THINK ABOUT IT – FOR US, A THOUSAND YEARS AGO WAS THE MIDDLE AGES! YET DANIEL, JOEL, & THACIA BELIEVED THE SAME GOD THAT DAVID SANG & WROTE ABOUT WOULD ALSO FIGHT OFF THEIR ENEMIES. WHY WERE THEY SO SURE? ARE YOU SURE THAT GOD CARES FOR THE STRUGGLES IN YOUR LIFE?

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THE BIBLE SAYS THAT GOD DOESN'T CHANGE (<u>HEBREWS 13:8</u>, <u>JAMES 1:17</u>). THIS MEANS THAT THE SAME GOD THAT SAVED DAVID OVER 3,000 YEARS AGO IS THE SAME GOD WE CAN LOOK TO AND KNOW TODAY. WE MAY NOT ALWAYS NEED HIM TO SAVE US FROM AN INVADING ARMY, BUT THERE ARE STILL THINGS THAT WE CAN LOOK TO HIM FOR TODAY. WHAT ARE SOME OF THOSE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NOVEL'S ENDING? DO YOU THINK DANIEL GETS OFF TOO EASILY FOR ALL THE HURT HE HAS CAUSED? IS HIS CHANGE OF HEART TOO QUICK?

RE-READ THE LAST FEW PAGES (251-254) JESUS ALSO LOOKS INTO YOUR EYES. HE SEES EVERY PART OF YOU, EVEN THE PARTS YOU ARE NOT PROUD OF. AND HE SMILES AT YOU. HE LOVES YOU. JUST LIKE HE OFFERED DANIEL FREEDOM FROM ANGER & HATRED, HE WANTS TO BRING YOU PEACE & LIGHT. DANIEL SHOWED HIS CHANGE OF HEART BY HIS KINDNESS TO THE ROMAN SOLIDER. WHAT IS 1 WAY YOU CAN MAKE A CHANGE TO SHOW THE LOVE JESUS HAS GIVEN YOU?