
From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,
"REPENT,
FOR THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN
IS AT HAND."
MATTHEW 4:17
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Don't Forget God

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Babylon is located between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers and is known for its towering designs on their massive serpentine towers called ziggurats. It was colossal. The king Belshazzar was at the window of his palace and he gazed at another great feat by the wicked Babylonians, the Hanging Gardens. It was an oasis in the vast beating hot desert. The King Belshazzar, son of the mighty Nebuchadnezzar, and his wise men (including Daniel) had a problem. But Daniel continently remained a God-fearing man, so God blessed him.

Belshazzar forgot God, and thought he was the greatest person of all time. Belshazzar had a grand party the next day to celebrate his fake gods. He thought they were his equals. He took the people of the land and constructed a toast to his fake gods. Suddenly, there was a mysterious hand, not a person, just a hand writing on the wall! It was the true and only God writing on the wall. Belshazzar immediately called his wise men, but none of them could discover what the writing on the wall meant.

Therefore, Belshazzar's mother announced that he should call upon Daniel the Hebrew. She explained that Daniel had helped his father in the past, and that he was very wise. And so Belshazzar called upon Daniel and asked him to tell the meaning of this terrifying inscription on the wall.

Daniel told Belshazzar he had forgotten God, just like his father before him. Daniel told the king he would die, and Belshazzar's kingdom and kingship would be divided between the Medes and the Persians. Belshazzar's face probably went pale and his feet went cold, for he knew it was true. The castle was solemn. It was quiet. He wrestled with the idea all day until his demise. And sure enough he died that night. His army was defeated and his kingdom and kingship was divided amongst them.

To me, the moral of the story is: "Do not forget God! He can give and take away anything, because He is in control."

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I LOVE GOD!

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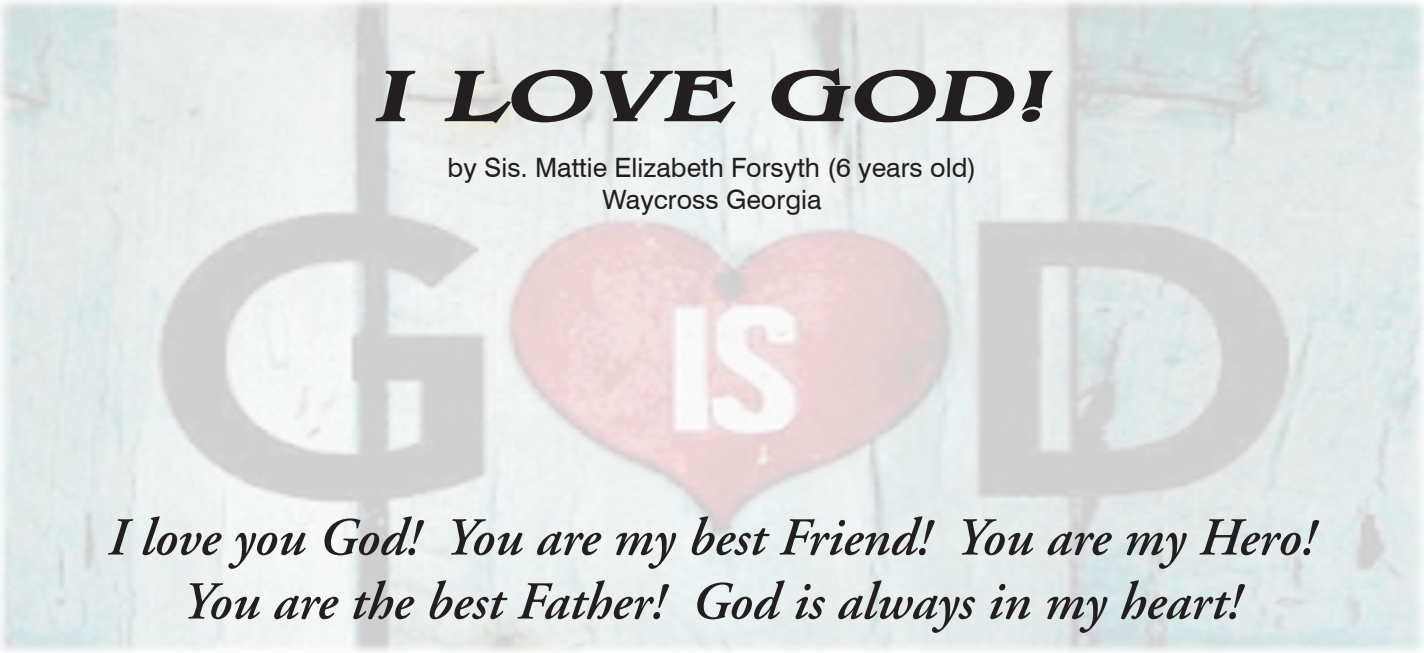

I love you God! You are my best Friend! You are my Hero!
You are the best Father! God is always in my heart!

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