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Psalm 88

Psalm 115

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The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. His eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.

Hear, O LORD, my righteous cry; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer; it does not rise from deceitful lips.
2 May my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right.
3 Though you probe my heart and examine me at night, though you test me, you will find nothing.
I have resolved that my mouth will be silent.

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He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
3 I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.
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and casts no slur on his fellowman, but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts; who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
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The LORD, the God who saves me by night, I cry out before you; my prayer comes before you; turn your ear to my cry.
My soul is full of trouble, and my life draws near the grave; counted among those who go down to the pit.
I am like a man without strength, set apart with the dead; the slain who lie in the grave; you remember no more; they are cut off from your care.
You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths; wrath lies heavily upon me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.

As for the deeds of men— by the word of your lips I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.
My stars have held to your path; I have not been troubled.
Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings from the wicked who assault me, from my mortal enemies who surround me.
They close up their callous hearts, and their mouths speak with arrogance; they have backed me down, they now surround me, with eyes avert to throw me to the ground.
12 They are like a lion hungry for prey, like a great lion crouching in cover.
13 Rise up, O LORD, confront them, bring

The cords of the grave / coiled around me; / the gates of death confronted me.
I called to the LORD, my God for help.
In his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, and he answered.
The earthquake and the shaking and the roaring of the waters have been heard; he has broken through the floodgates of the heavens, and burning coals blazed out of it.
He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet.
He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind.
He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him— the dark rain clouds of the sky.
12 Out of the brightness of his presence, clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning.
13 The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded.
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Keep me safe, O God, for you have taken refuge in me.
I said, "I will not be troubled; I am in the hand of the LORD; you are my Lord; I will not be troubled; there is no good thing for the saints; the LORD is in the land of the living; the righteous ones in whom is the LORD will increase; who turn after other gods; I will not pour out their libations of blood, or take up their names on my lips.
LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.
6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.
7 I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.
8 I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I will not be troubled.

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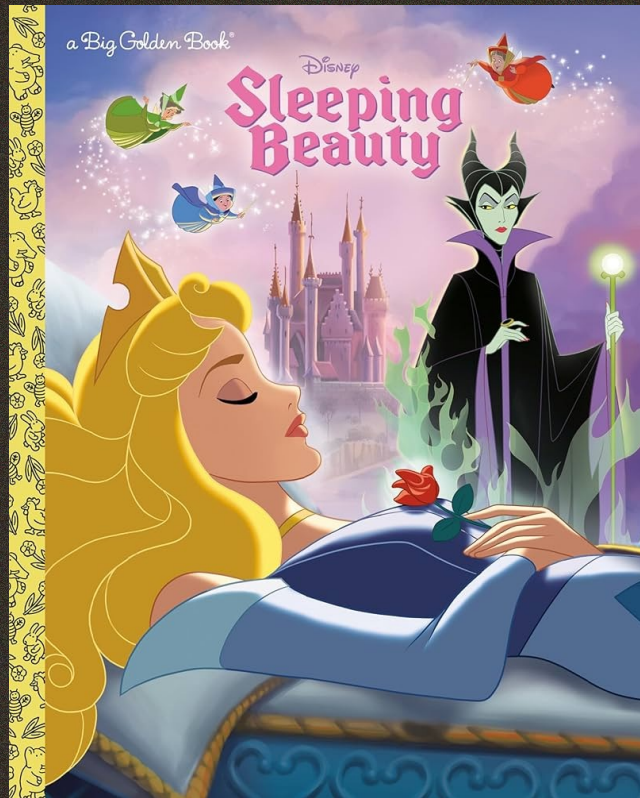
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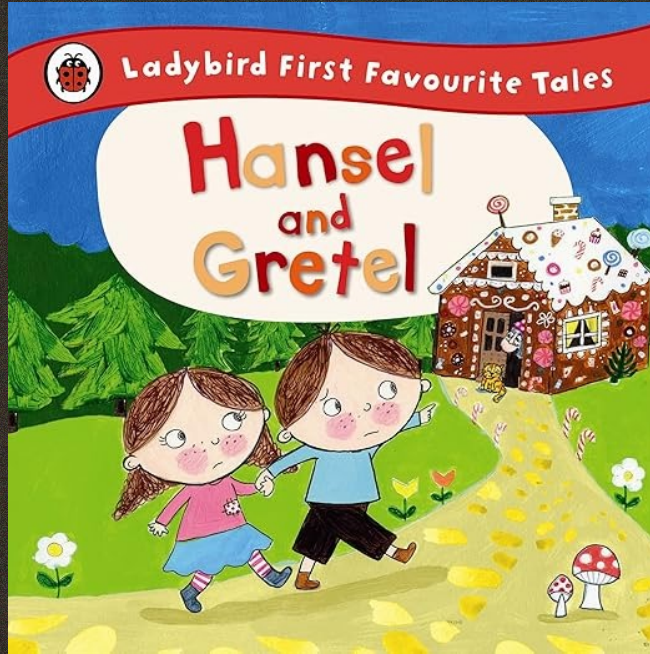
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HAPPILY EVER AFTER

BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 1:1 (NIVUK)

¹ **Blessed** is the one...

“Oh, how truly happy this person is!”

Are we looking for it in the right place?

Psalm 1:1-6 (NIVUK)

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

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³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers. ⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

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⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

“Blessed”

LASTING HAPPINESS

3 truths about lasting happiness:

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A life that leaves God out
will always leave you empty.

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Show me your friends,
and I'll show you your future.

Are your friendships pulling you closer to God...
or quietly pulling you away from Him?

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Psalm 1:2 (NIVUK)

² but whose **delight** is in the law of the Lord, and who **meditates** on his law day and night.

To delight means you
actually enjoy God's Word.

Meditation is filling your mind with
God's truth and living it out.

Psalm 1:3 (NIVUK)

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.

John 1:1-2 (NIVUK)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.

John 15:5 (NIVUK)

⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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Chaff

Grain

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Psalm 1:6 (NIVUK)

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The righteous are those who have
chosen to walk with God.

There is no “happily ever after”
without God because eternity is real.

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The happiest life is a God-centred life.

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A blessed life is a rooted life in God.

John 3:16 (NIVUK)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 6:23 (NIVUK)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Psalm 16

A *miktam* of David.
The safe, O God, you I take refuge.

the LORD, "You are my Lord; from you I have no good thing." The saints who are in the land, are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

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