

Prince Caspian & Voyage of the Dawn Treader - The Chronicles of Narnia

The devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:8-10 ESV

For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know Him and the power of his resurrection. Philippians 3:8-10 ESV

Prince Caspian was told the ancient stories of Narnia by his old nurse and teacher. The prince longed for Narnia to be like the days when Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy were kings and queens. His uncle was angry because Caspian had been told the old legends and wanted the old nurse put to death. When the uncle's son was born, Prince Caspian had to flee for his life even though he was the rightful heir of Narnia.

The Bible tells us that God is the rightful King over all the earth. When the devil tried to tempt the son, Jesus with riches and power, Jesus told him to be gone, that we are to worship God and serve only Him.

Lucy saw Aslan but the others didn't believe her. Instead of listening to her, they voted about what they should do and ended up heading into danger just as she had warned.

In the Bible God tells us how we should live. Instead of listening to God's command, people vote on what they think is right and wrong. When we do what God says is wrong and call it right we head into danger. What are some things that the Bible tells us not do and people choose to do anyway?

Many Narnians no longer believed in Aslan. While some trusted that Aslan would bring help, others made fun of the believers saying that trusting in him was nonsense. Some of the believers even began to doubt. One of the doubters brought the witch into their confidence and she tempted Caspian to believe her.

The Bible tells us to trust in God. Some people make fun of those who believe in Him. The world tempts us to trust earthly things, but Christians know that God is real and believe His promises that He will save us.

In the Voyage of the Dawn Treader, when Eustace arrived in Narnia he complained and argued about everything. Instead of listening to the others and caring about everyone's welfare he thought only of his own wants and comforts. Many times his contentious ways created dangerous situations for others.

Once when Reepicheep was arguing, Prince Caspian told him to save his energy to fight enemies not friends. Where do you invest your energy? Do you insist on your own way or do you listen to others?

When Eustace was turned into a dragon because of his greed, Aslan told him that the good he did was not enough to release him from the curse. "I must do it for you," Aslan said.

Our faults don't turn us into dragons, but they can make us irritable and unkind. In the Bible we are told that the good we do is not enough to change us. The Bible says that only God can change us.

Do you want to change? Ask Him to help you.

In the fictional land of Narnia Eustace learned that loyalty was more important than personal gain. When he cared only about himself and his own needs his life was lonely and troubled. When he was willing to recognize his selfishness and invest in the needs of the others, Aslan was willing to change him and give him his life back again. When Eustace returned to his cousins he said, "It was a lion. A big kind lion with piercing eyes." Immediately the others knew that he had seen Aslan.

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your bountiful love for us. So often we get stuck in our own wants and needs. Set us free to serve You and others with the joy and freedom only You can give. Take away our selfishness and replace it with compassion and love. Let the change in us be so wonderful that others will know that we have seen You. In Jesus' name, Amen.