

## The Silver Chair - The Chronicles of Narnia

*This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'" Matthew 3:33 NIV*

*No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. John 15:15-17 ESV*

When Jill was tormented by a group of students, Eustace helped her escape from them. When Jill asked him why he was so different this year, he tried to explain to her about Narnia. When the two of them entered Narnia Jill was reckless and ended up being separated from Eustace. Aslan said that he had summoned them to a task and that her task would be harder because of what she had done.

In the Bible Jesus tells us that He has chosen us. He has given us a task. We are to go and bear fruit that will last. What are some of the good things you have done that will last over time?

Aslan gave Jill the task of remembering the signs so that she and Eustace could free the Prince of Narnia. When Aslan gave her the signs she offered many excuses why she couldn't do what he asked. Aslan warned her that without the signs she could do nothing.

God tells us that without Him we can do nothing. He gave us His commandment and wants us to obey.

Puddleglum was Jill and Eustace's traveling partner through the land of giants. No matter what the situation, he always saw the potential for problems and all that could go wrong. His cautious nature was humorous and extreme at times, but he also taught the children to look for danger before entering into a new situation. Have there been times when you should have been more cautious?

Instead of following Aslan's signs, the children listened to the woman who told them to stay at the castle of the gentle giants. Later, at the castle, they learned the giants were planning to eat them for their autumn feast. Disobedience often looks desirable or even beautiful in the beginning, but it can lead to destruction.

The Bible tells us, *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."* Proverbs 16:25 ESV Just because something looks right, or seems right to us, doesn't mean that it is right.

Prince Rillian explained that he had had fallen prey to an enchantment. He begged Eustace, Jill, and Puddleglum to release him from the silver chair. One of the signs that Aslan gave Jill was that Prince would be the first person who would ask them to do something in his name, in the name of Aslan. When Rillian escaped from the chair the witch tried to convince him and the others that they were just imagining Narnia, that there was no Aslan, or world above with the sun and moon and stars.

Sometimes people try to convince us that there is no God or heaven or eternal life, but the Bible says, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16 ESV God tells us anyone who believes will live with Him forever.

The Chronicles of Narnia are fictional stories that contain lessons that we can apply to real life. Evil tries to tell us to not follow God. God tell us to trust in Him. He has given us His signs in the Bible. He gave us His commandments for our protection. When we follow His teachings He shows us how to live a pleasing life.

*Dear Lord, the beauty and majesty of Your creation prove to us that You are wonderful beyond words. Many people are trapped in the lie of thinking that You do not exist or that heaven is not real. Open the eyes of people all over the world to see Your goodness and glory. Give us full assurance of our faith in You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*