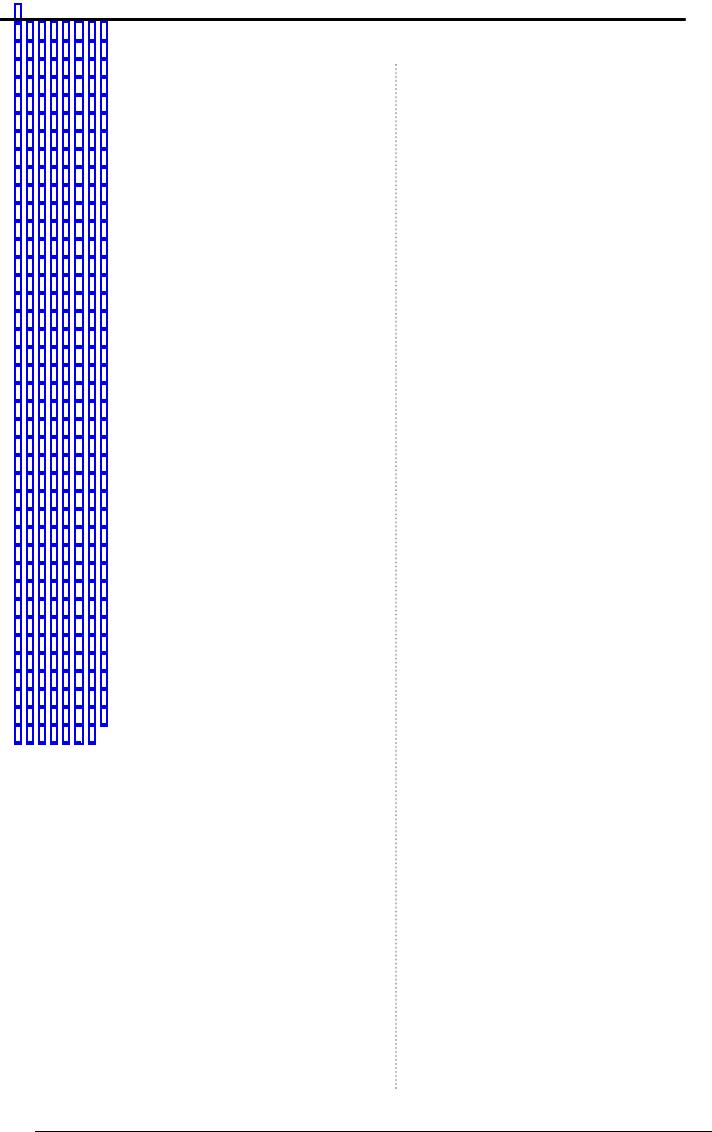


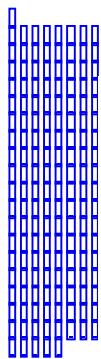
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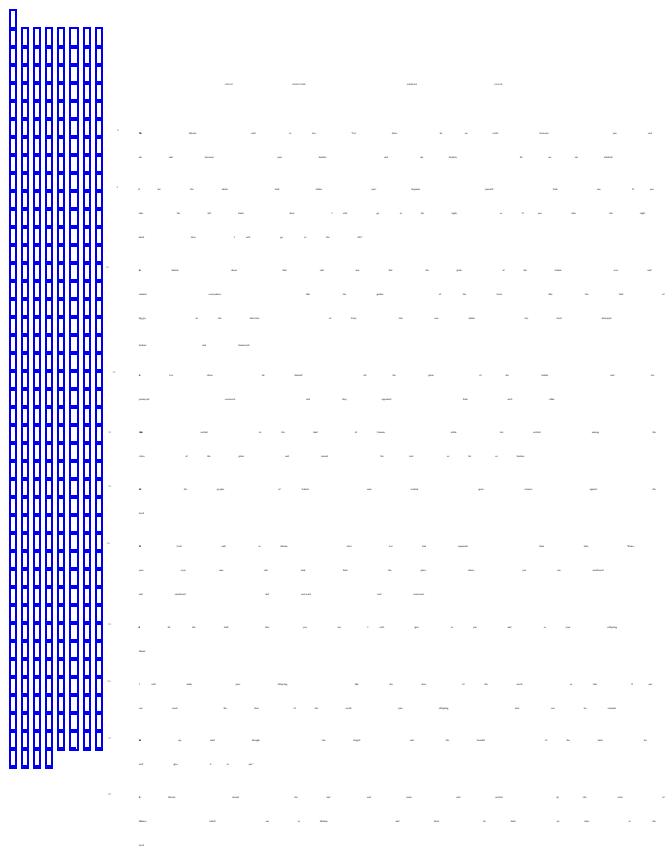
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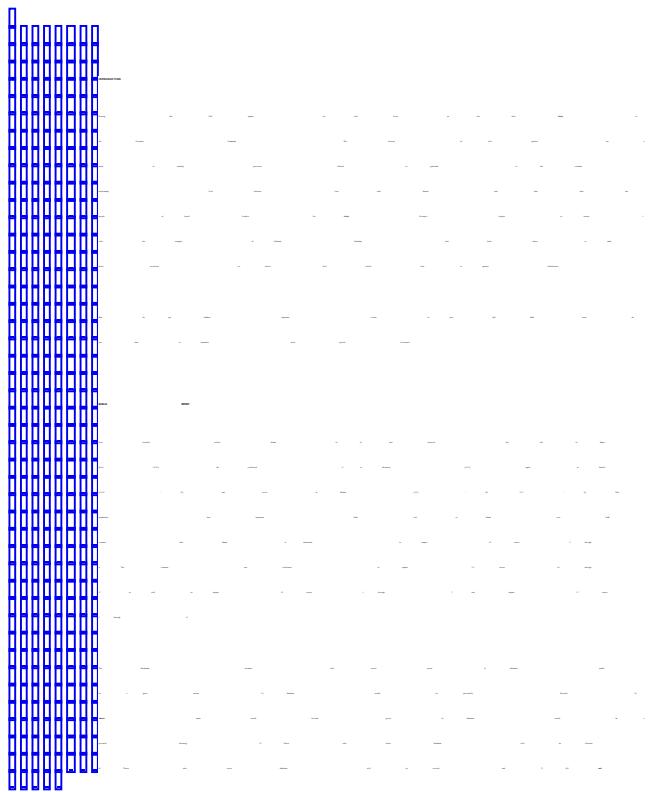


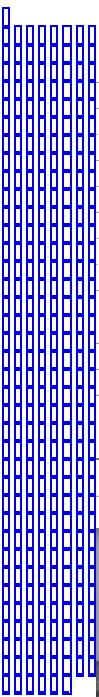


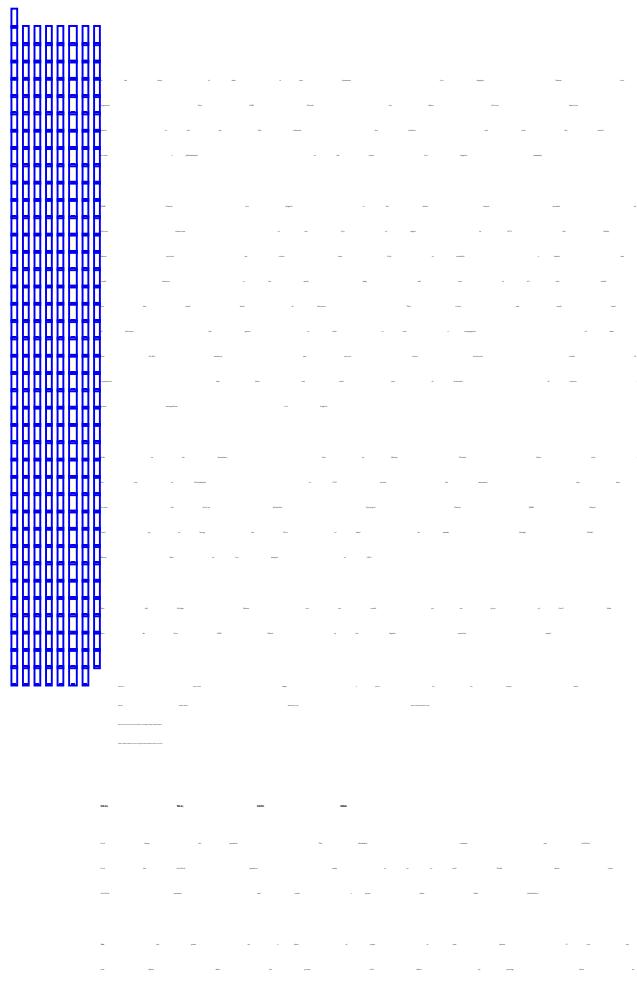
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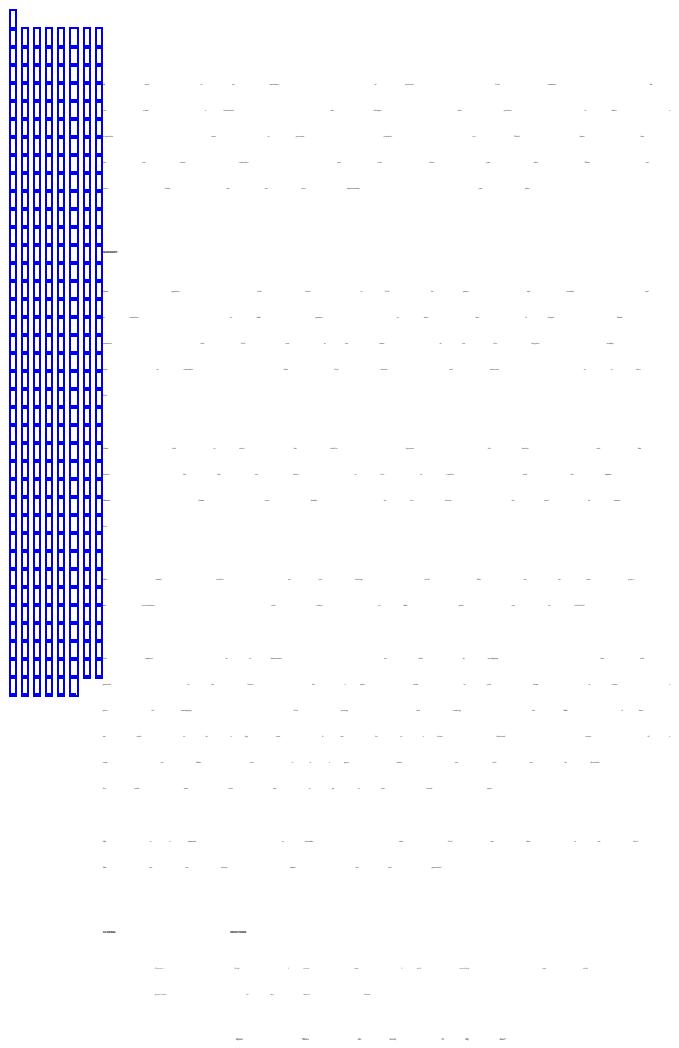


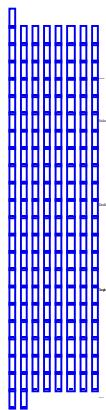


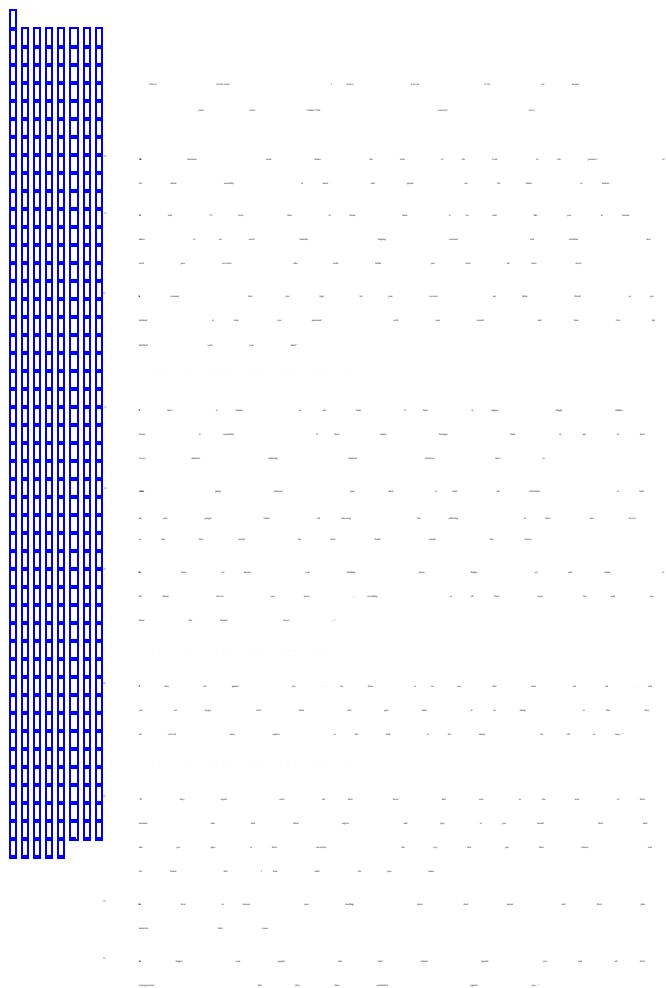


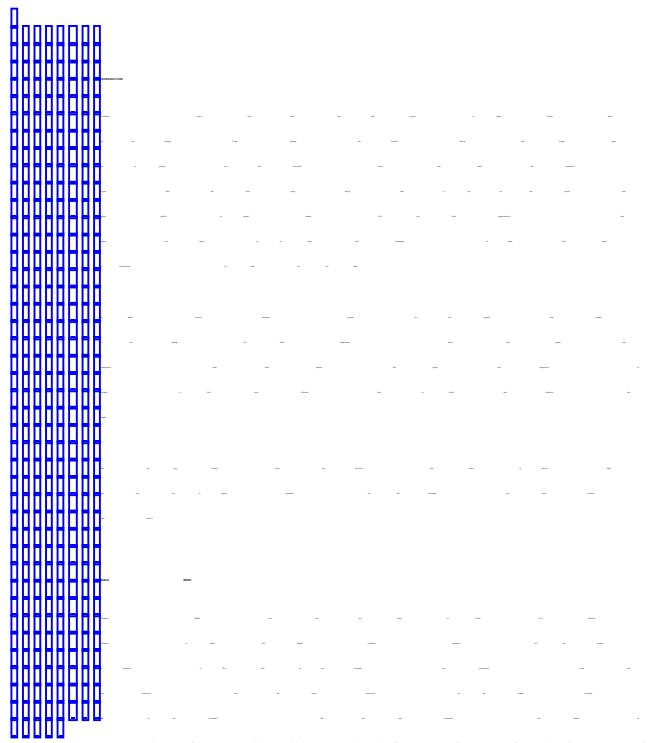


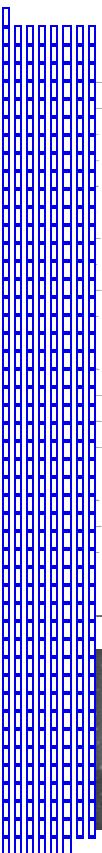




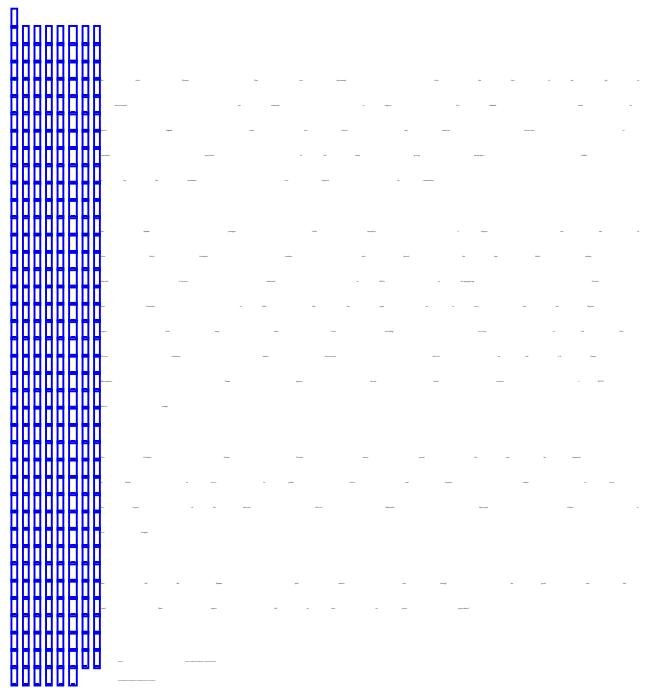


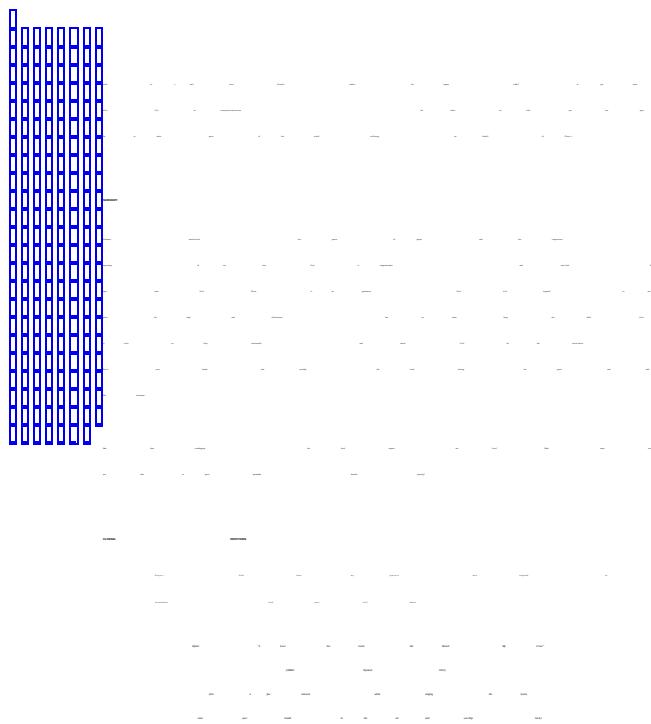


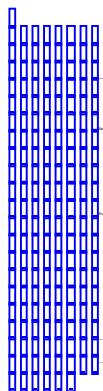


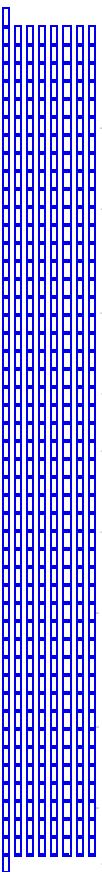


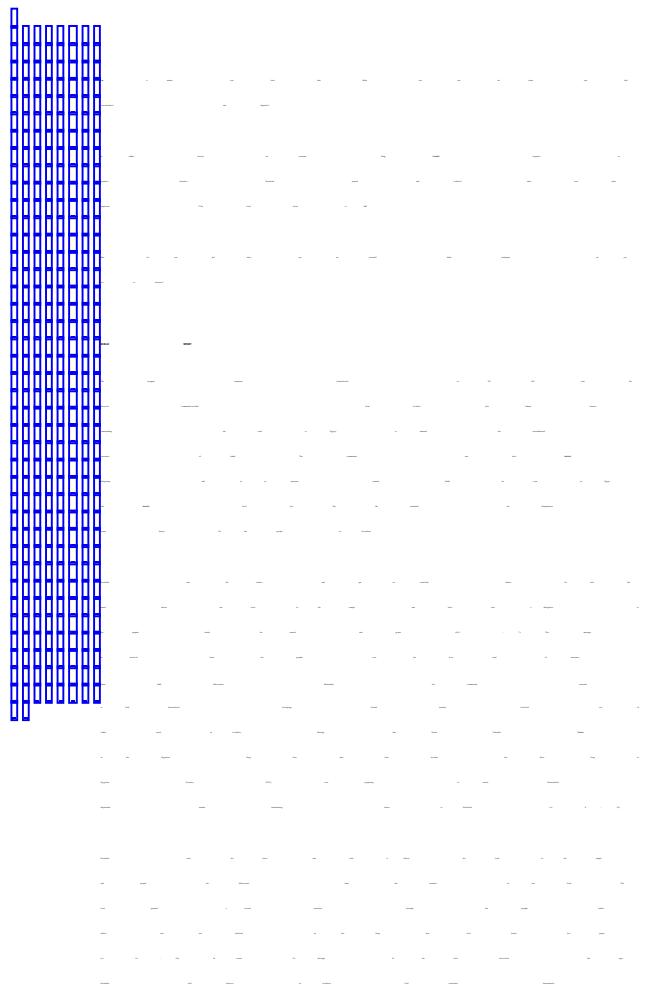
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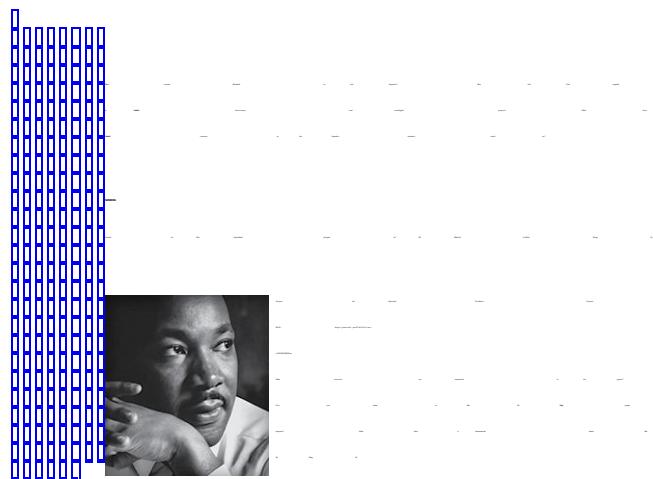


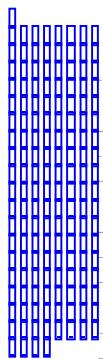






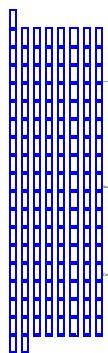


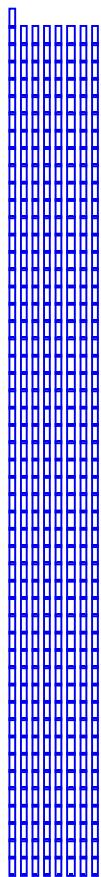


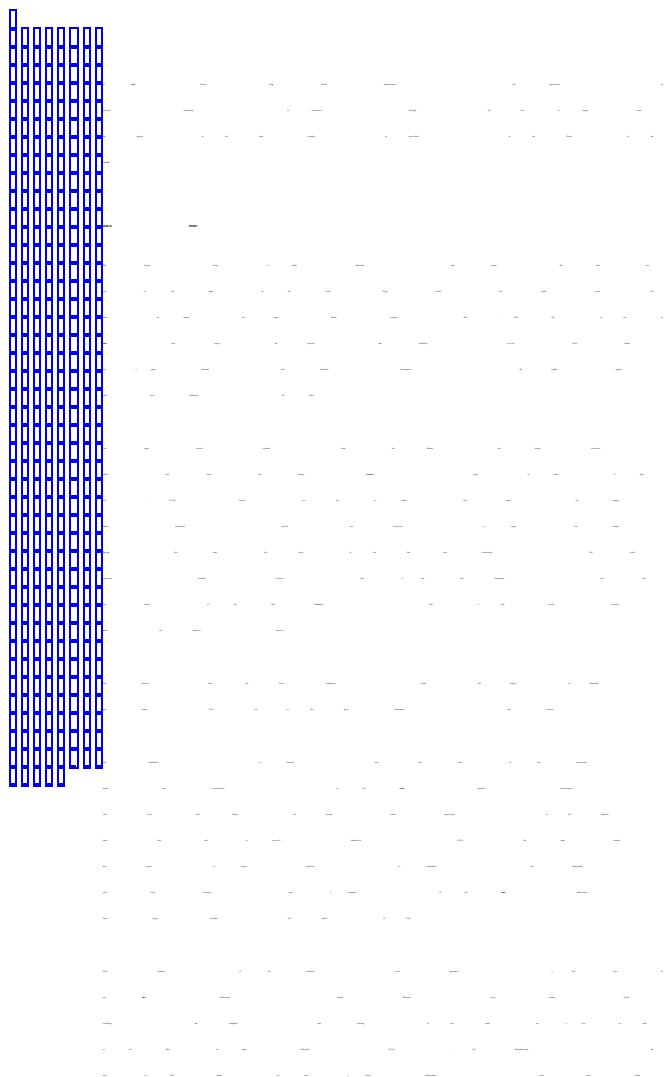


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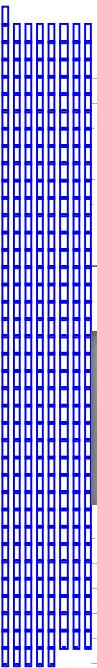


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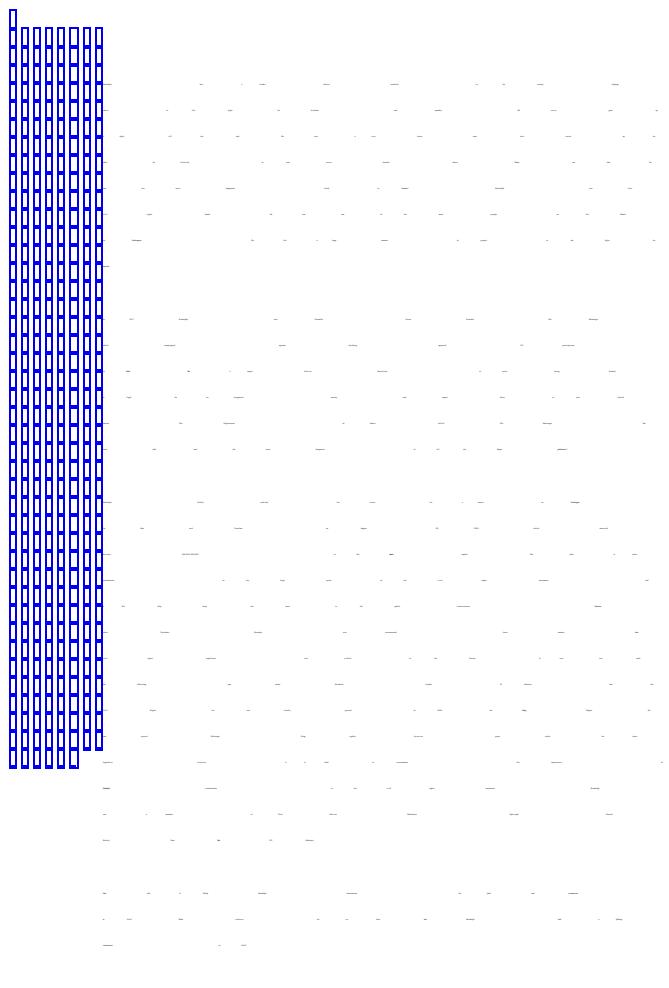
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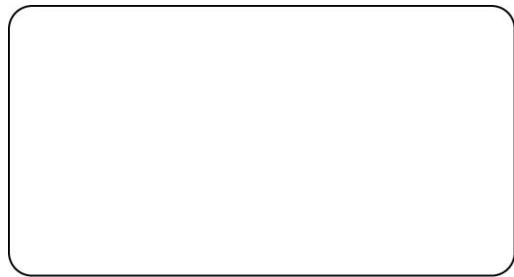
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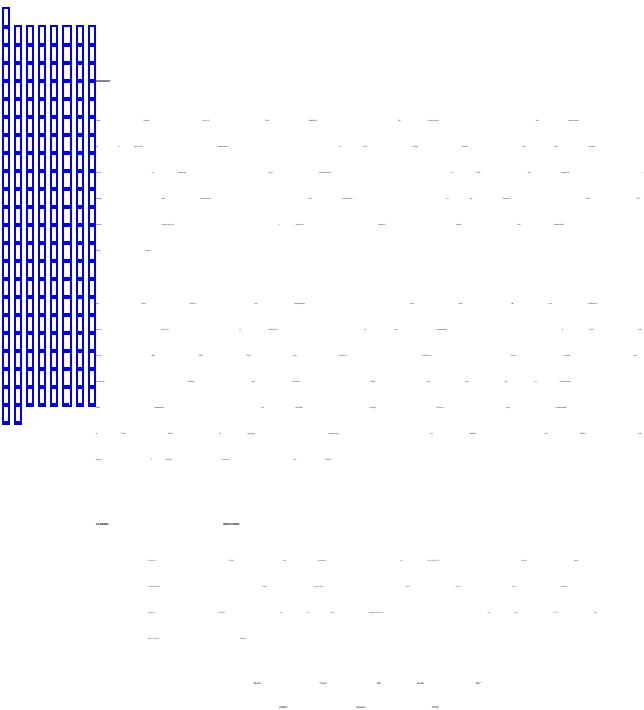
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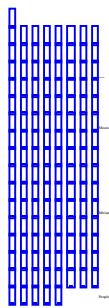
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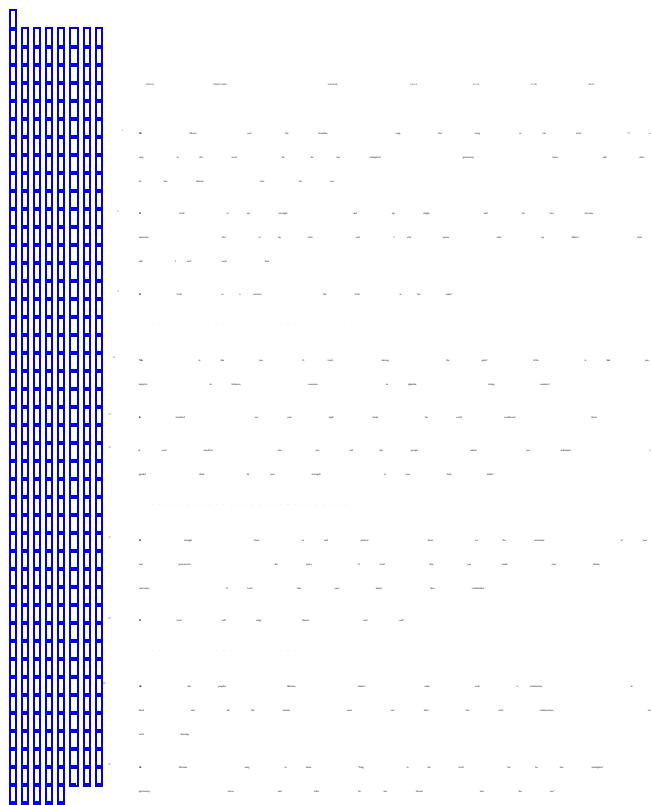
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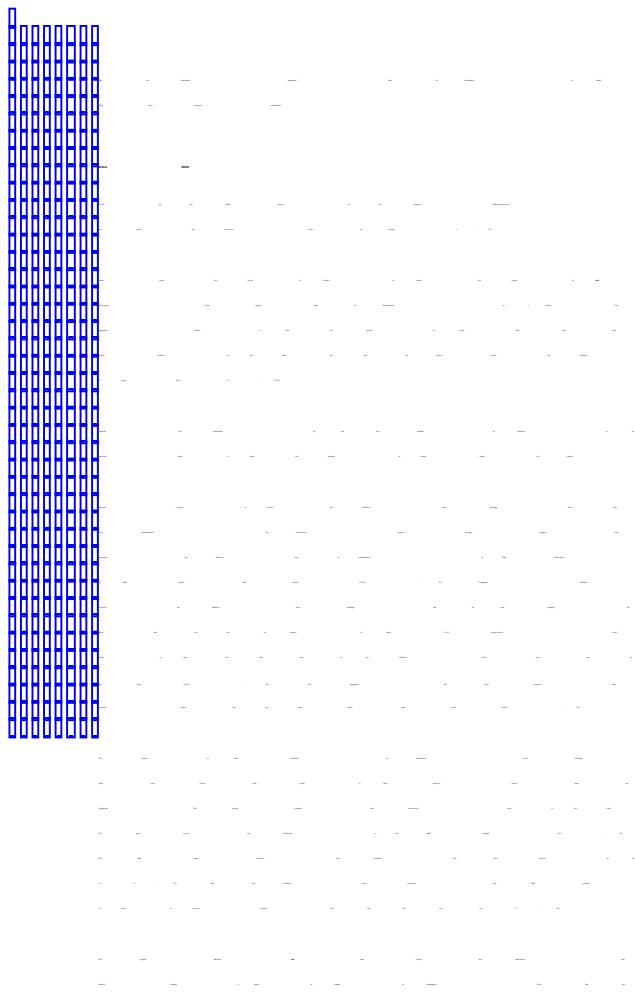




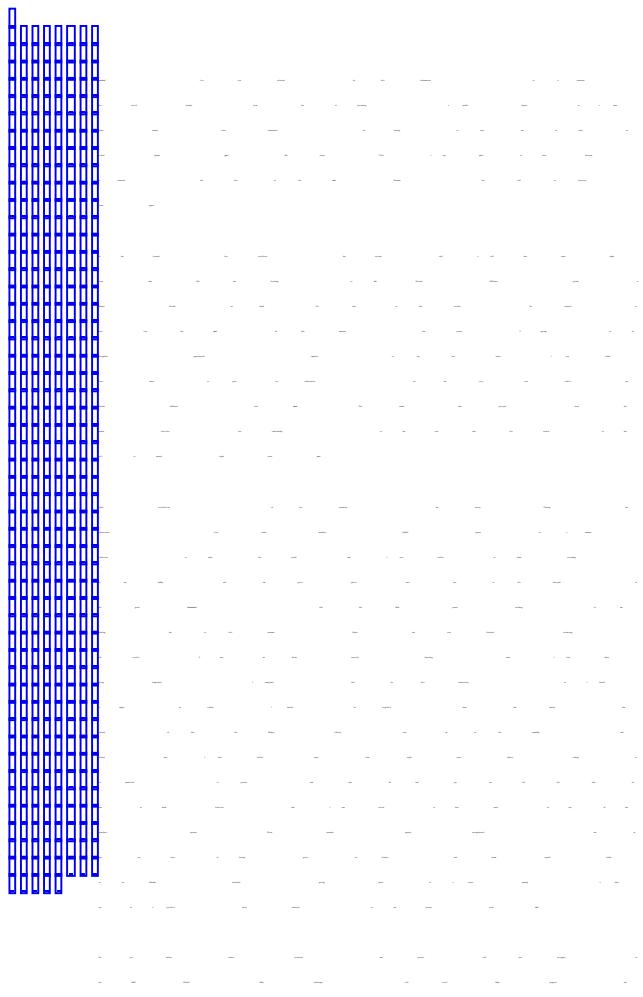


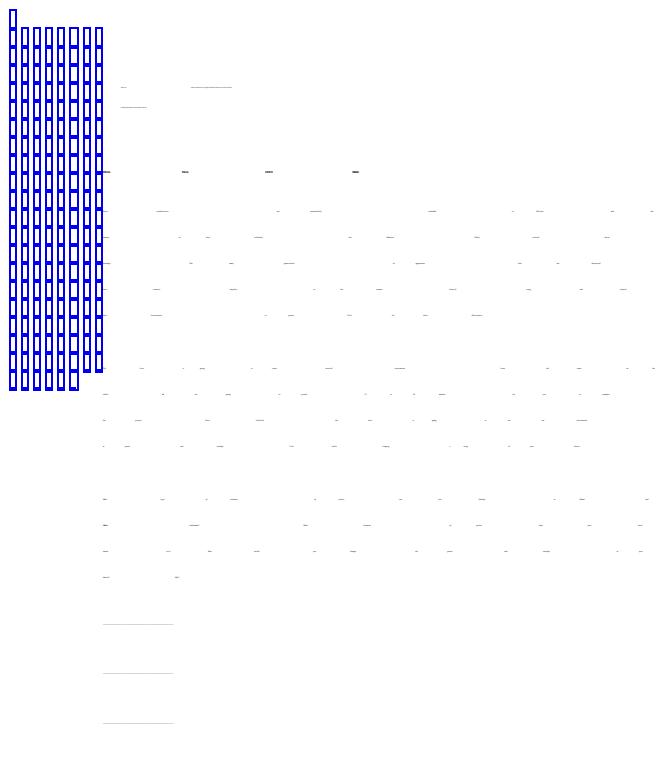


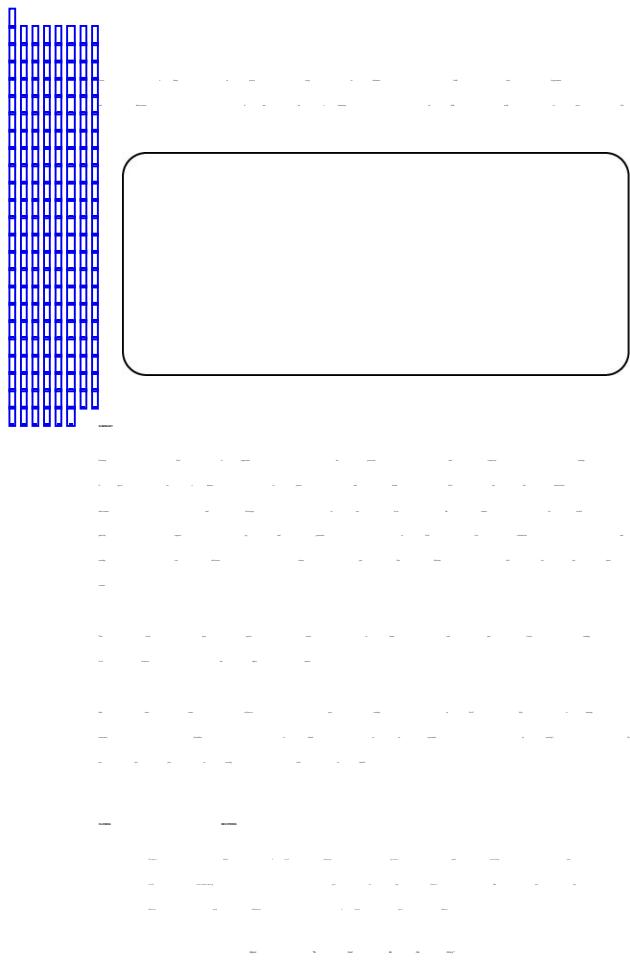
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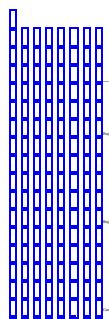


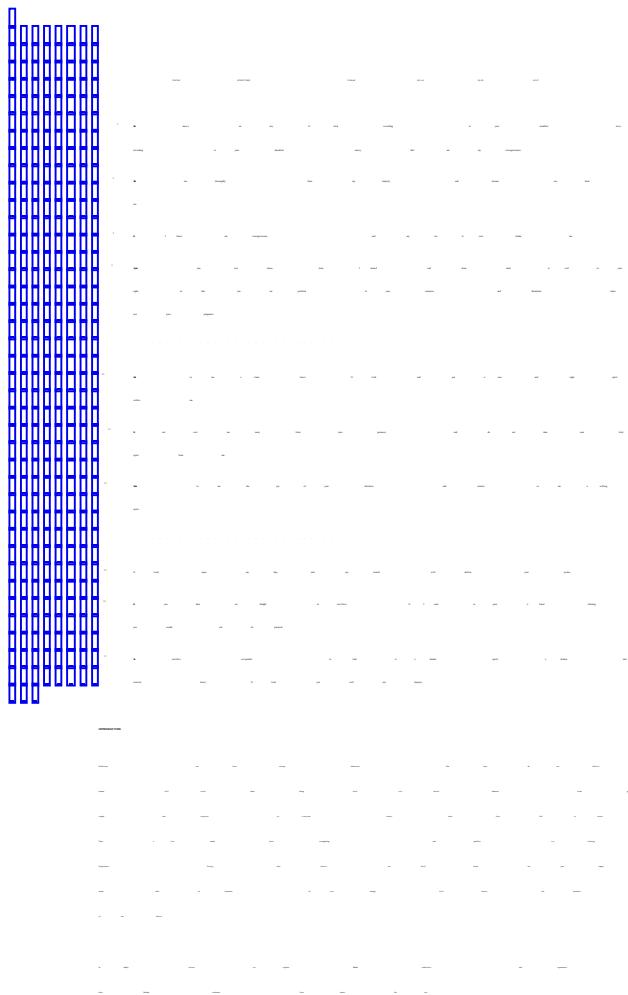


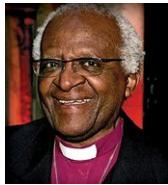
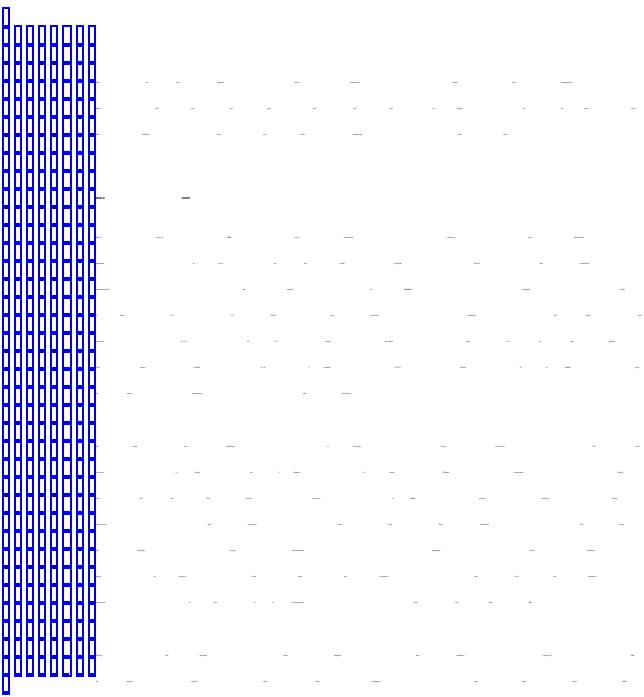


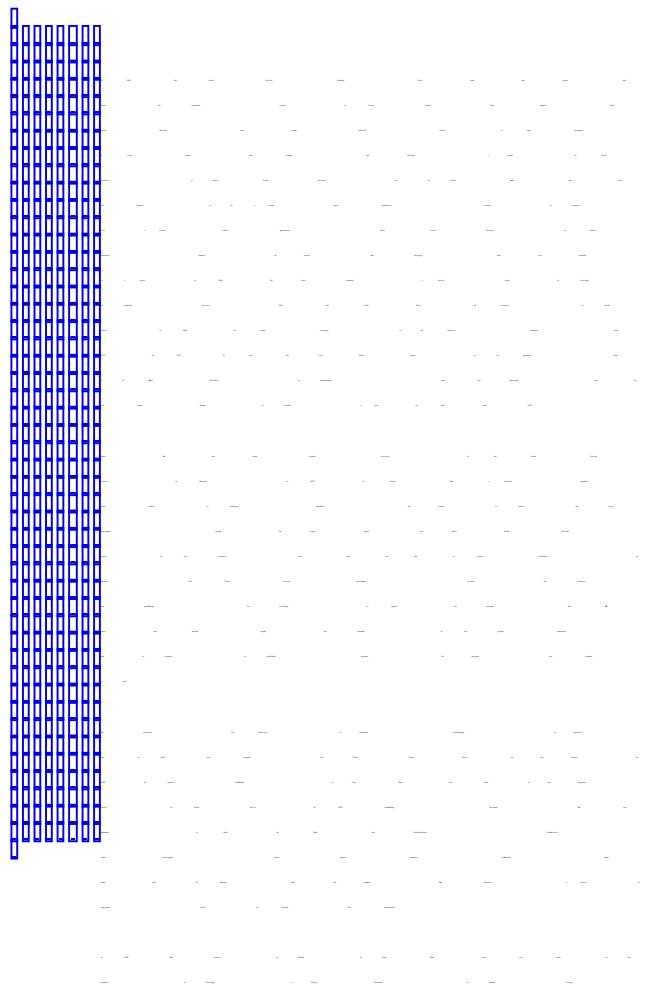


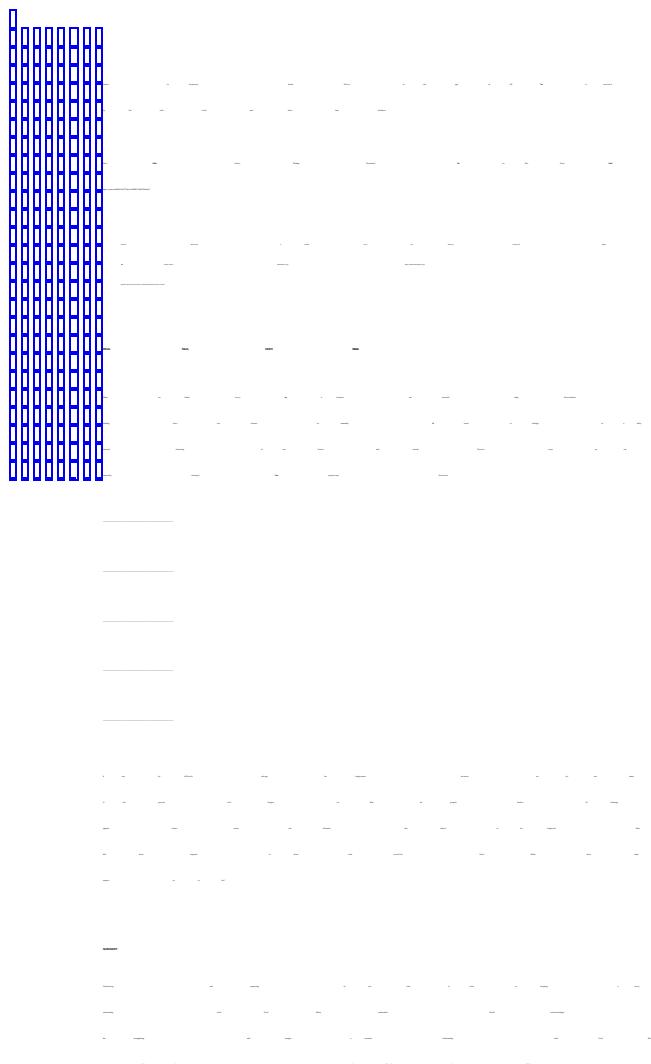


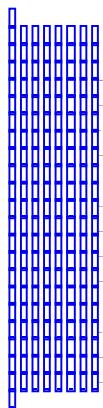


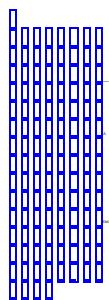


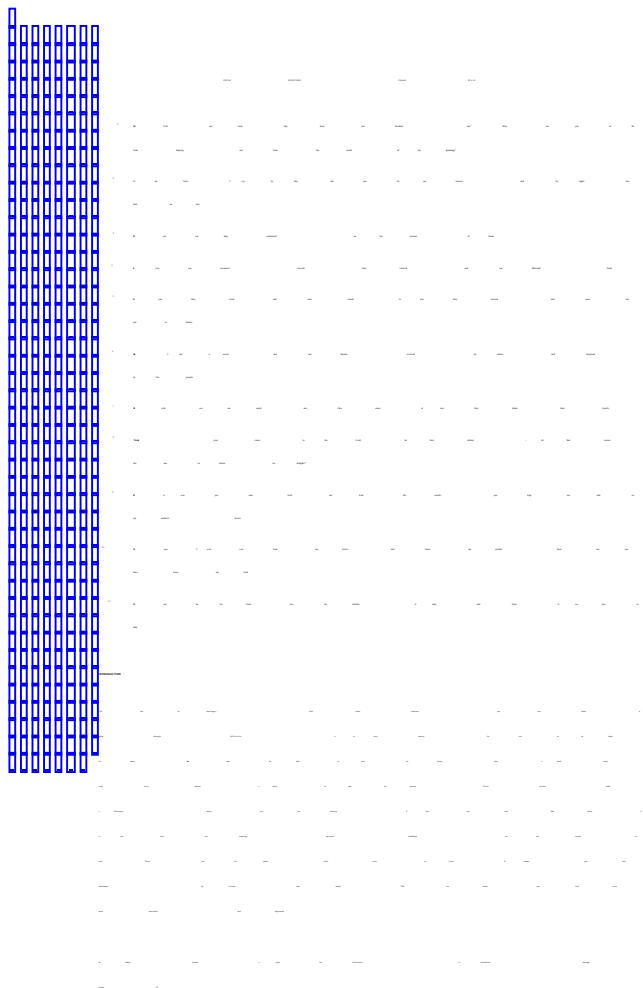


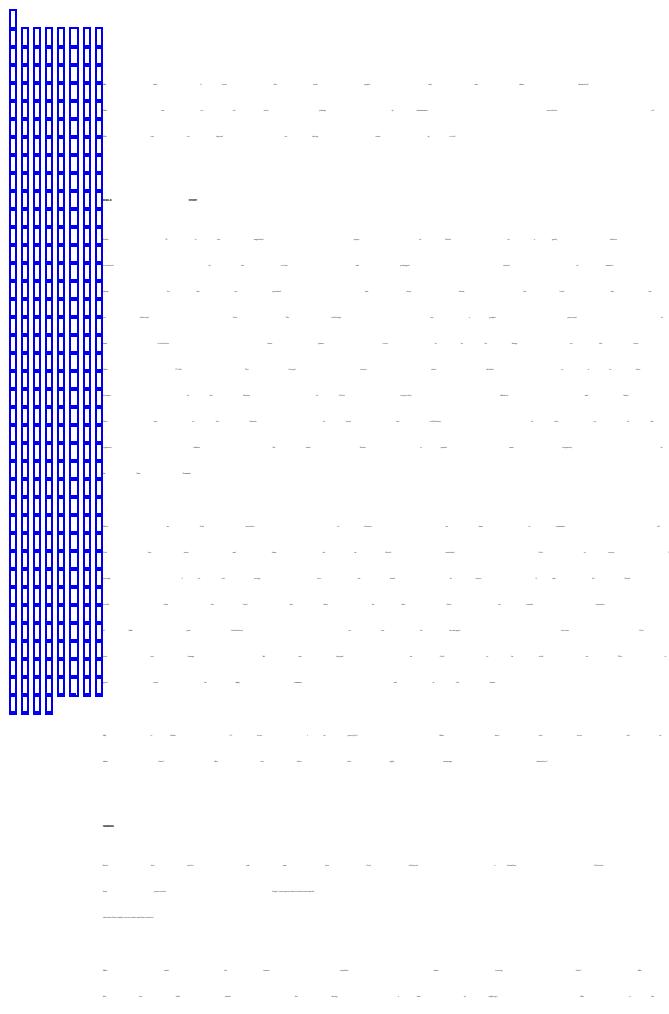


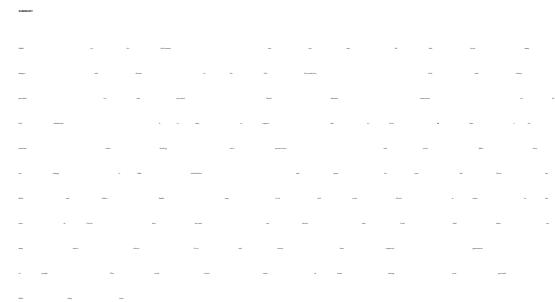
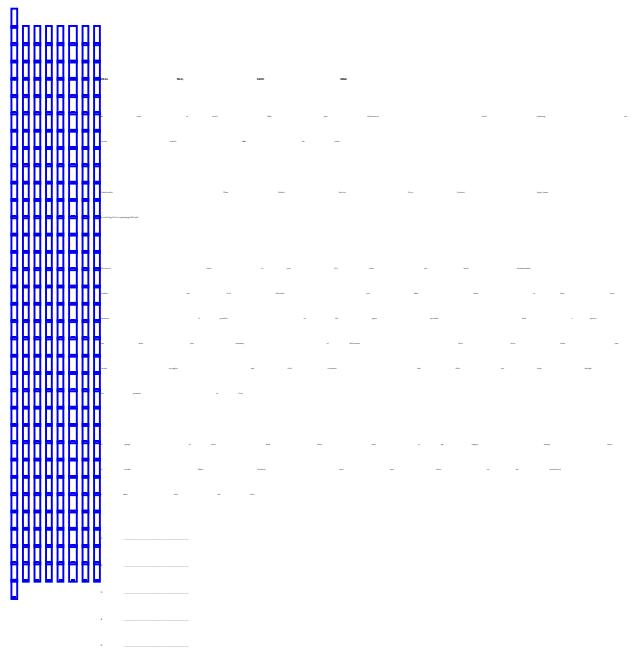


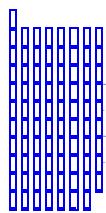








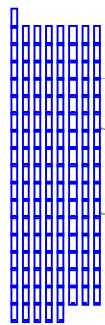


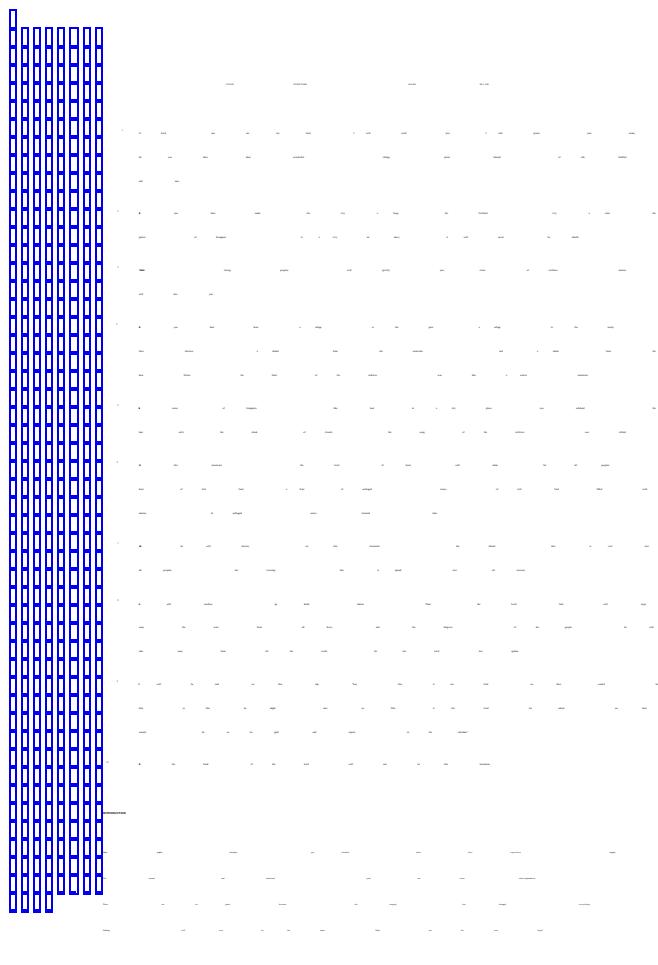


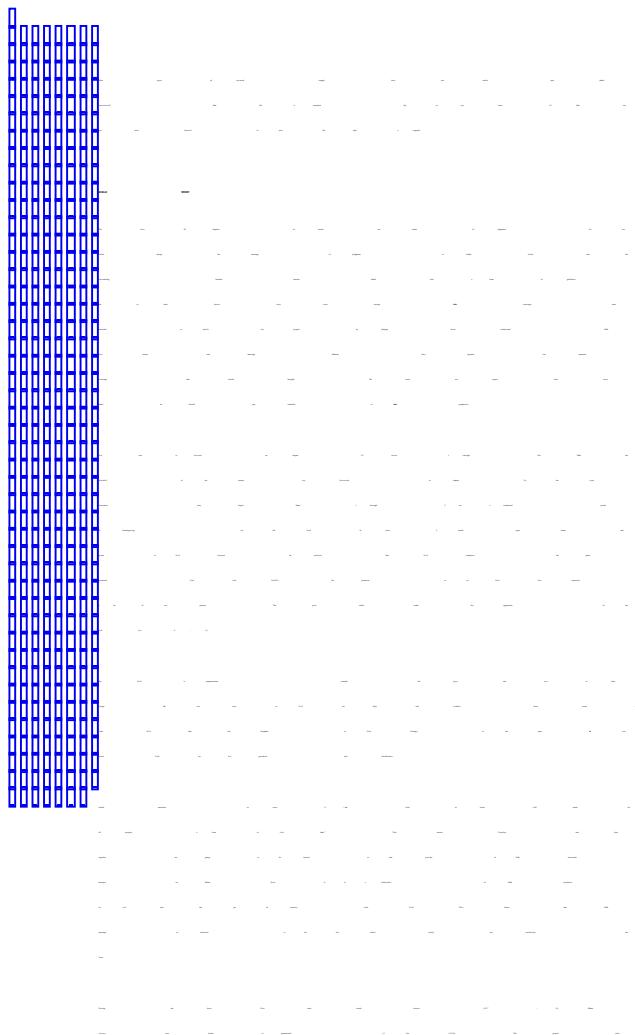
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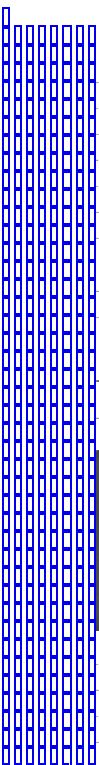
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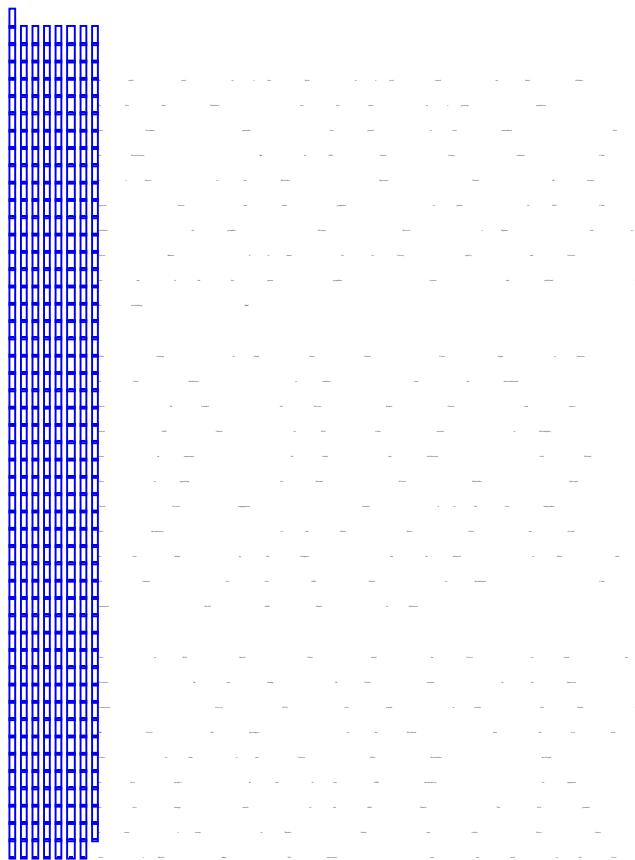
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He and his family settled in Hastings, Sierra Leone, a newly established village about 15 miles from Freetown, intended for liberated Africans freed from illegal slave ships. It was one of several new villages developed by the Church Missionary Society, which was active in the colony. Coker died there in 1846 as a prominent patriarch of the Creole family of Sierra Leone. Coker's son, Daniel Coker, Jr., became a leader in Freetown. The Coker descendants reside in Freetown and are among the prominent Creole families. Other members of the expedition settled in what became Liberia.

How did Daniel Coker turn his enslavement into freedom? How did Daniel Coker help liberate others, physically and spiritually? What impact did Daniel Coker have on the AME Church?

Source: <https://aaregistry.org/story/daniel-coker-minister-born/>

REAL TALK, FAITH WALK

View on YouTube “Daniel in the Lions’ Den”:

https://youtu.be/oIkZmYum_ks?si=QAmwwojZ85Lz_

After viewing the video, discuss the similar themes in Daniel 6:10 – 28 and Isaiah 25:1 – 10a.

For the next ten minutes, as a class create a praise dance to express gratitude to God for liberation and deliverance. Select a song for the praise dance that expresses praise and thanksgiving to God.

SUMMARY

Daniel’s unwavering faith led him to experience a hopeless situation. King Darius threw him into the lions’ den for violating his edict. But Daniel’s God delivered and protected him from being killed. Like Nebuchadnezzar before him (2:47; 3:28-29; 4:2-3), King Darius responded to the display of God’s power by praising God. It proved that God is sovereign. We do not have to doubt or fear! God has already given us victory through the life,



death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are going to be a part of the great gathering of believers who are at the messianic feast. All suffering and sorrow will cease. Believers shall rejoice and praise God for eternity.

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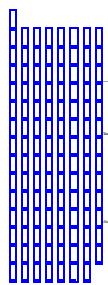
Prayer: God, you are mighty in power and reign for eternity. Thank you for being our hope amid suffering. Amen.

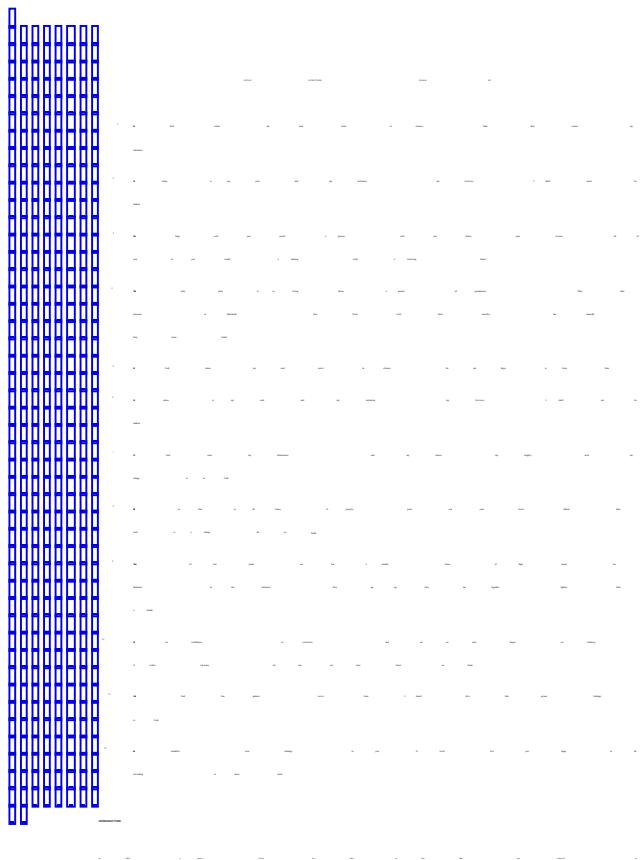
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times during a robbery, Marcus decides it is time to change his life. However, his old associates will not let him go so easily.

Who has seen this movie? What did you think about its title? Did you like this movie? Why? Why not? What does this movie teach us about the desire to obtain riches? How does God view the pursuit of riches?

In today's lesson, we learn to trust in God alone who is our hope. In doing so, trusting God and working for him is far better than earthly riches.

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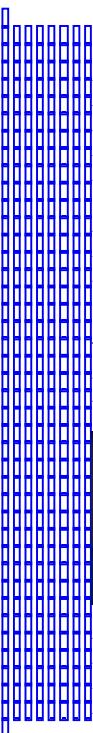
This psalm of David says we are to place all hope in God. Knowing that God is in control allows us to wait patiently for him to rescue us. And when God rescues us from a problem, more problems are guaranteed to come. True relief comes from an enduring hope in God's ultimate salvation. Only then will all trials be resolved.

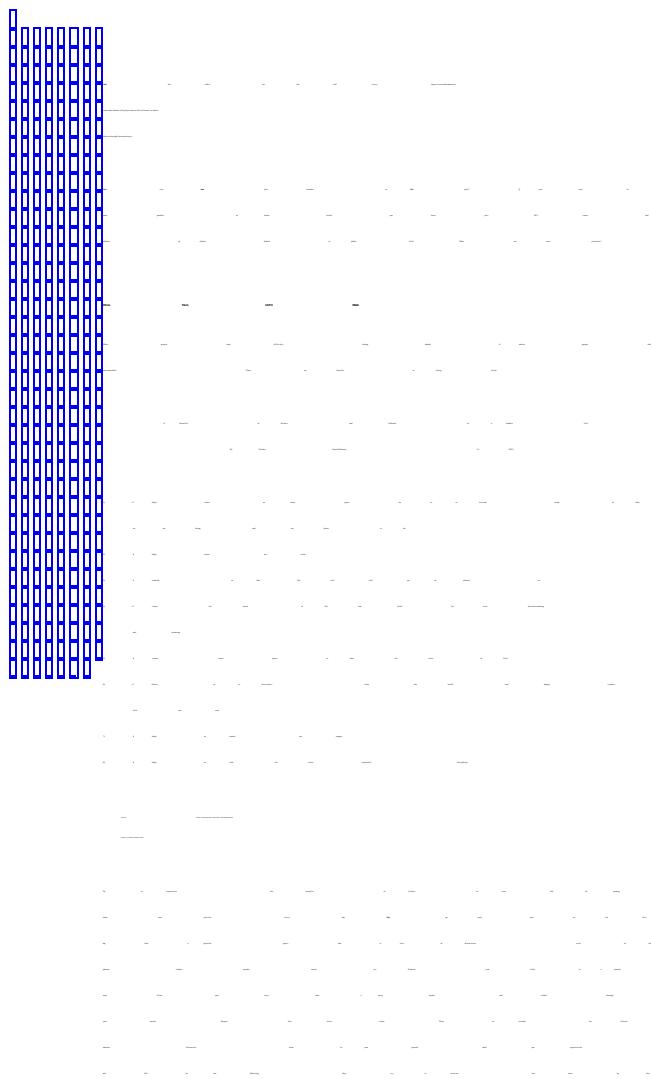
When we hope in God, our prayers change. Our prayers are full of praise and thanksgiving as we trust God amid crisis. And then we wait in silence (62:1, 5). "Wait I say on the Lord and be of good courage, And he shall strengthen thy heart. Wait I say on the Lord." It can be challenging to be quiet as chaos reigns in our lives. Nevertheless, "He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken (v. 2, 6)."

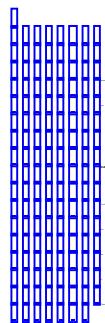
Absalom may have been pursuing David intending to murder him (vs. 3 – 4; 2 Sam. 15 – 18). David had to flee because of the danger. Yet, he sought refuge in God being confident in God's power to protect (vs. 7 – 8). Pouring out our hearts to God brings relief from the weight of burdens only God can handle.

The world loves to exalt those with power, wealth, or prestige. Some try to imitate their lifestyles seeking power and prestige. But is it worth it? "Life is like a vapor, here but a little while and









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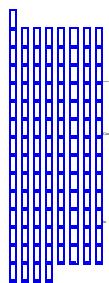
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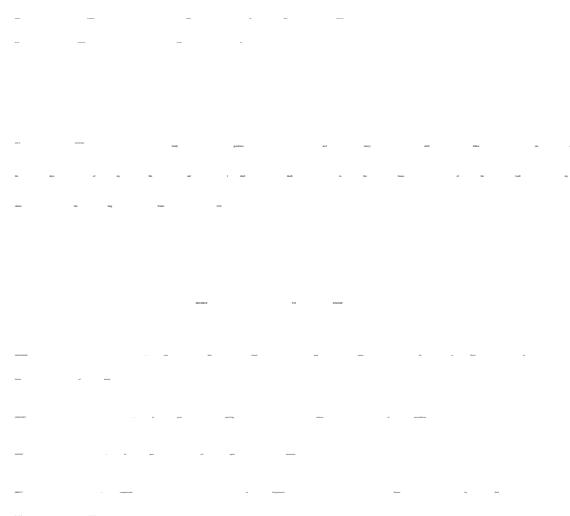
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Focus Scripture: Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

INTRODUCTION

In “Psalms of Thanksgiving and Praise,” the lessons look at four songs from the book of Psalms. In today’s lesson, we look at Psalm 23, as well as John’s affirmation of Jesus as the good shepherd.

We all need guidance and direction to make proper decisions. The key is to choose someone who has a reputation as a good leader. If we choose the wrong person to give us advice, it can lead to harsh consequences. How do we know who is a good, wise leader? What characteristics do we look for? What do they believe about God?

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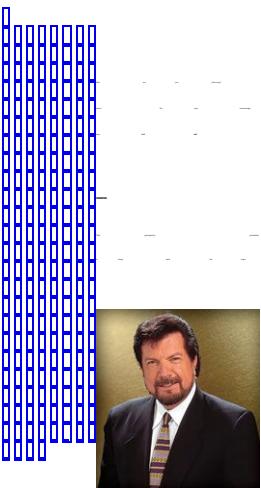
Psalm 23 is a very familiar scripture for most people. The shepherd mentioned symbolizes Christ. He cares for the sheep, giving assurance (vs. 1 – 3) and comfort (vs. 4 – 6). When we compare Psalm 23 with John 10:11 – 14, we are reminded that the good shepherd will die for the sheep. Who died for our sins? Jesus is the good shepherd. We can trust Jesus will guide us along the right path. He never leads us astray. Jesus said, “I am the way,

and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (Jn. 14:6).

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SUMMARY

We can appreciate Jesus being our shepherd. He provides true guidance for our lives. We do not have to second-guess what Jesus told us to do. His Word is true! Jesus' promises are guaranteed to be fulfilled. Whatever life situations we are facing, Jesus is present with us. He never leaves us during storms or tranquil days. We just must listen to his voice and follow him. Jesus supplies all our needs and protects us from dangers. In the end, we spend eternal life with Jesus in heaven. God, we thank you!

This week reread Psalm 23 and think about its message to you. Pray and read the Word consistently. If you are able, fast for a few hours or if you desire to receive guidance from God for your life. Write down what you believe God is saying to you and seek additional guidance if needed.

CLOSING DEVOTIONS

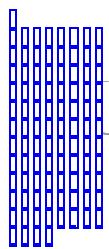
Prayer: God, thank you for being the good shepherd. We are waiting for guidance from you. Amen.

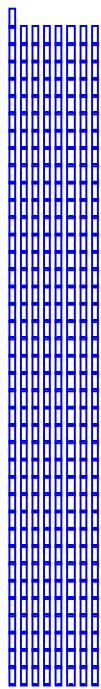
Hymn: "O Thou, in Whose Presence"(AMEC Hymnal #83)

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2. *What is the probability that a randomly selected student from the school is a member of the Math Club given that they are a member of the Science Club?*

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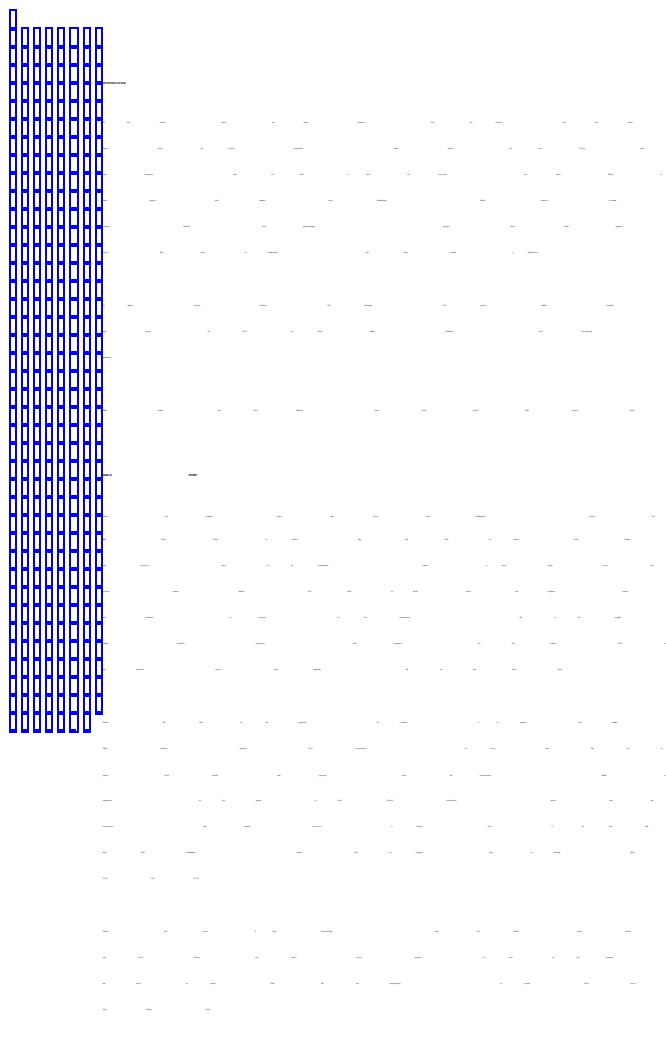
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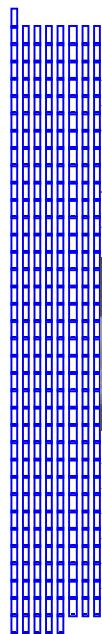
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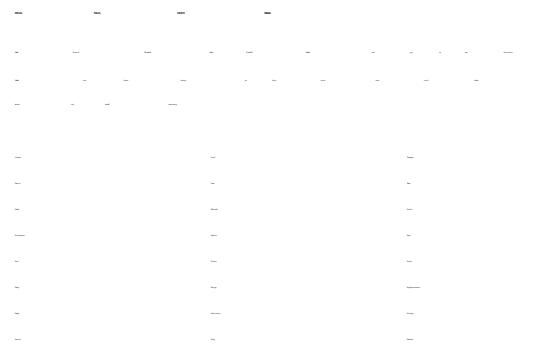
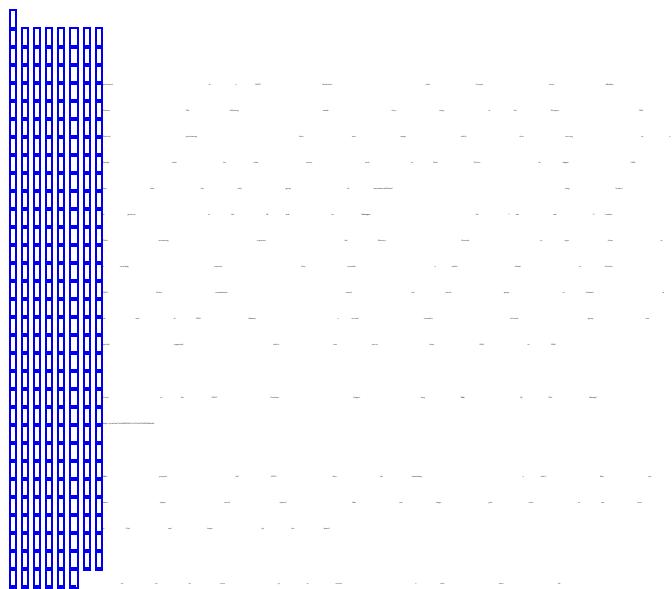
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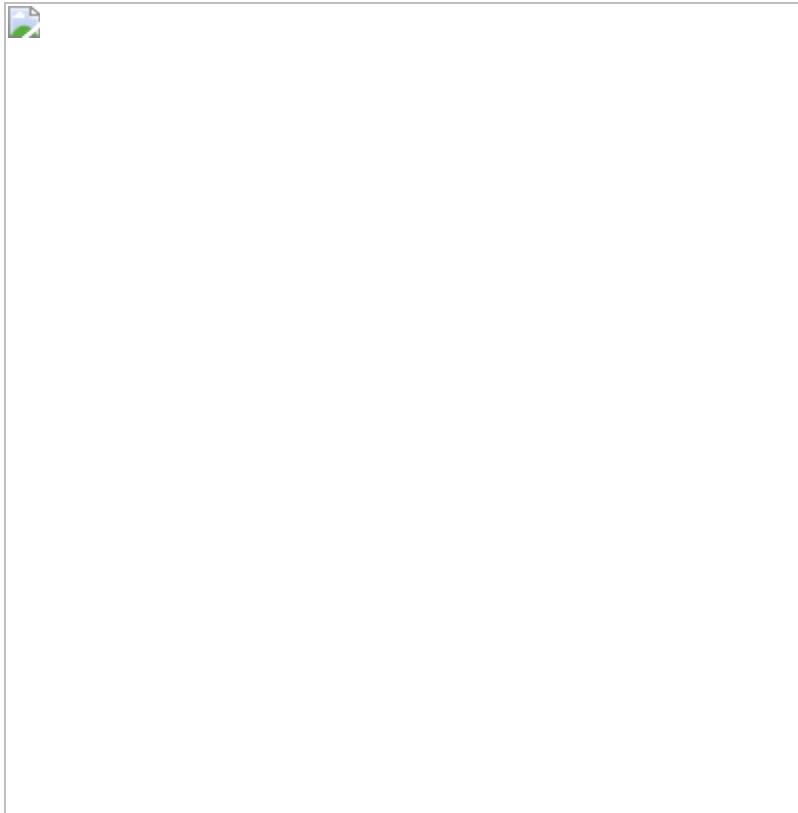


How can I praise God wholeheartedly in this world? What is the essence of praise and worship?

SUMMARY

The help of man versus the help of God is essentially temporal versus lasting and complete. We can trust God. Praise expresses admiration, appreciation, and thanks. Considering all that God has done for us, what could be more natural than outbursts of heartfelt praise? Praise is given to God not only for what he does—his creation, his blessings, and his forgiveness. But also, for who he is—loving, just, faithful, forgiving, and patient.

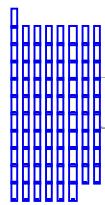
This week pray about how you can be of service to others. For example, volunteer at a homeless shelter, write a letter of encouragement to someone imprisoned, create a group that will take turns sweeping the blocks in the neighborhood, handout Christian tracts, volunteer to run errands for the elderly, help clean the church, tutor younger students, etc.



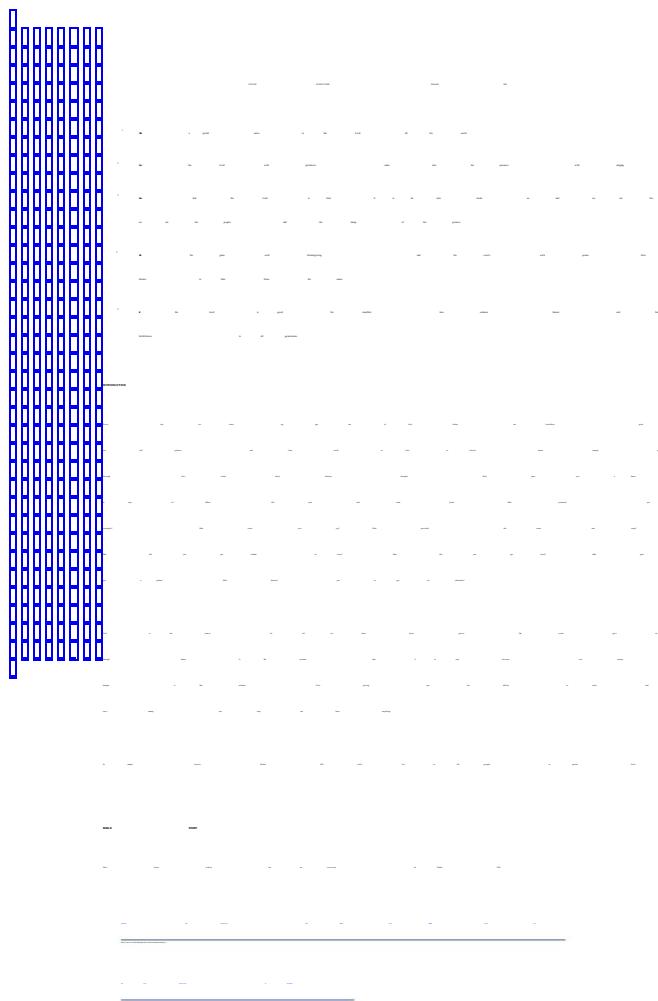
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Close your eyes and think back to a time in your life when things were not going well. How did you handle it? To whom did you turn? How often did you pray? Did you praise God and sing? What did you learn that can be used in the future?

REAL TALK, FAITH WALK

Praise and thanksgiving can transform any situation. If our focus is on God, we are more likely to turn our pain into praise. All we must do is focus on the goodness of God. He has blessed us with life and all else. How can we not give God praise?

What are you thankful for today? Share your thoughts.

SUMMARY

The psalmist gives grateful praise to God. God's care is personalized according to our needs. He knows us intimately. Throughout history, God has been faithful. We cannot deny this fact. This week, listen to music that gives thanks to God. Let yourself relax, listen, and praise God. It transforms us into a spiritual realm that takes us closer to God.

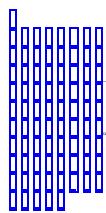
CLOSING DEVOTIONS

Prayer: God, you are worthy of all praise and thanksgiving. All we have comes from you. More importantly, our salvation is why we are here and give you praise continually. Amen.

Hymn: "Goodness of God" Cece Winans <https://youtu.be/9sE5kEnitqE?si=ool0PiHW6cKsexjt>

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Focus Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,”
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

INTRODUCTION

Our world is literally contained in a cell phone. We can get any information we desire from a small, rectangle shaped gadget that records, videos, texts, edits, calls, mutes, researches, photographs, tracks, teaches, speaks,

translates, etc. Our phones contain almost every detail of our lives. Other people have intimate knowledge about us because we have shared it on social media or by hacking our phones. Today, we have no secrets.

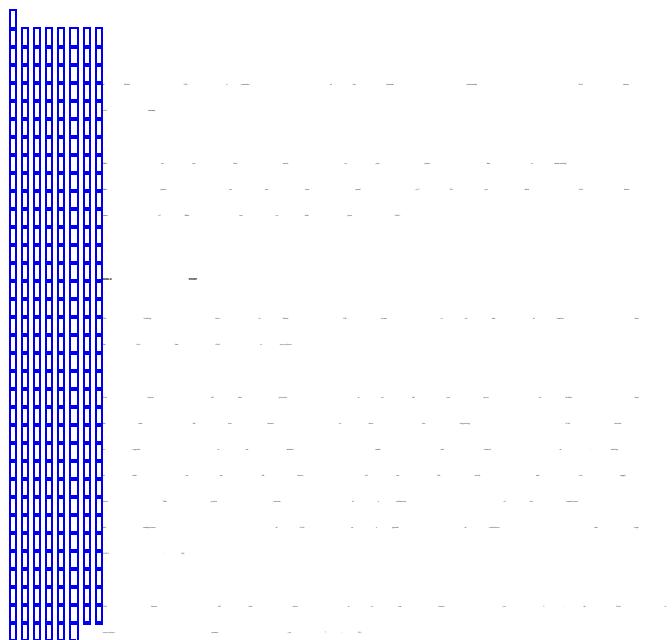
Nevertheless, there are things about us that only God knows. How? God knows us before we are born because God is our creator.

In today's lesson, it marks the beginning of Advent with a look

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God enabled him to work as an evangelist behind bars despite constant surveillance. He said that when he started his sentence, “I began to think that this was a dangerous place and that it would not be possible to witness to anyone.” But later he found ways to secretly witness to others and eventually led 13 prisoners to Christ. “During the recreation times, I would walk around in a spirit of friendship with these new believers and teach them how to grow in their faith and answer their questions,” he said. The pastor hopes to somehow continue discipling those prisoners from outside of the prison walls: “I realized that if I had not been imprisoned, these 13 would not have had an opportunity to hear the Gospel and believe in Christ,” he said after his release.

Did God know this man would be imprisoned? What did he desire in his heart? How did God give him the desire of his heart?

Source: <https://www.persecution.com/stories/imprisonment-leads-to-salvations/>

REAL TALK, FAITH WALK

Discuss the ways we can express gratitude daily. Write down some ideas.

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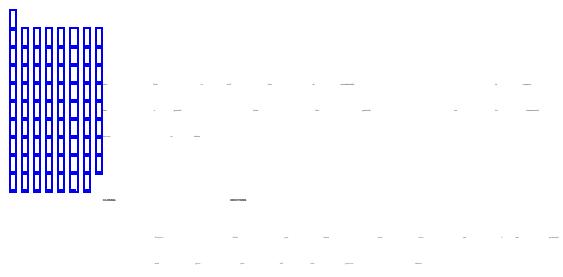
SUMMARY

Our God is omniscient, omnipresent, worthy of all praise, righteous, and holy. We must acknowledge to God that we have sinned and repent. God already knows about it anyway. We can

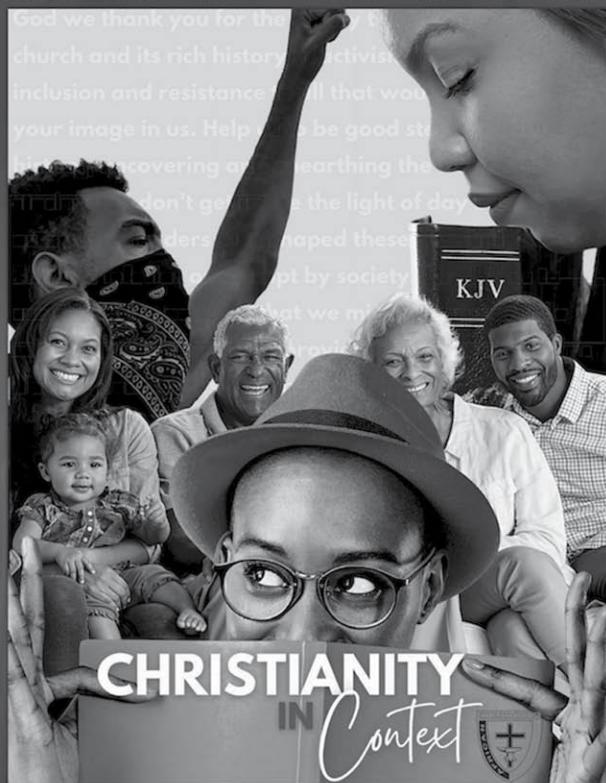
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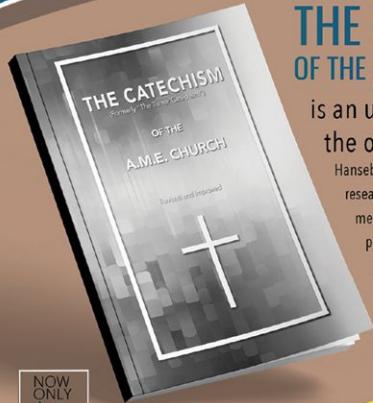
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