

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

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[] Confession: I have never read a C.S. Lewis book. At least for now I can just see the movies based on his Chronicles of Narnia series.

When I was watching the latest film, *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*, I had one moment when I thought about Lewis and wondered what he pictured in his mind's eye when he was writing these fantasy scenes. Even though I know some liberties had to be taken with special effects (which were great), I'm sure Lewis would appreciate the depiction (wait, I've not read the books, how would I know).

I truly enjoyed *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, but I must say I like *Prince Caspian* even more. I am sure in part because of the adorable mouse Reepicheep (I'm a sucker for cute creatures) but also for the adventure and the spiritual lessons presented.

When Prince Caspian of Narnia is in danger he calls out for help. Little did he realize that he would summon the Kings and Queens of Narnia, the four Pevensie children transported from England. Their year in England means 1,300 years in Narnia have passed and things are not the same. The Telmarines have taken over, led by the evil King Miraz, Prince Caspian's uncle, who is plotting to kill the prince so his own son can take over the throne.

The Pevensie siblings set out to restore Prince Caspian to his rightful position with the help of the Narnians, a talking badger and other captivating characters. Along the way, the

group wonders where Aslan is and why he isn't there to help them. Lucy has the faith to see Aslan, but the others don't and they don't believe her. She begins to question herself. All the warriors strive to take out the enemy in their own strength—but they fail.

I hate to give anything in a movie away, but I will encourage you to pay close attention to Lucy's encounters with Aslan. Their affection for each other gives us a wonderful picture of how God feels about us and how we can approach Him—sans the fur of course. I appreciate so much when God uses modern things, even movies, to help me better understand Him.

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This film is rated PG for the battle scenes. There is also a scene that involves several dark, evil creatures that would make this movie inappropriate for young children.

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