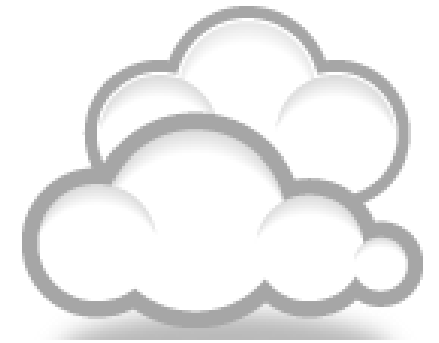


# 'A MORNING WITHOUT CLOUDS'

1. These words are taken from 2 Sam chapter 23 and are the last words of King David. Some call them 'The Last Psalm of David'.
2. These words look forward to the time when Christ shall be seen to reign over all. It shall be like... *'a morning without clouds'*.
3. We could apply these words to young children, like us. Young children are in the 'morning' of life'.
4. When you get up early in the morning on a bright Spring day, the air is pure, the dew makes everything sparkle with a special beauty, and the birds sing gladly.
5. **Our young lives should be pure** (sin darkens the sky of life)); we should resist sin. The Bible says *'resist the devil and he will flee from you'*. We should never be tempted to do anything that is mean, base or dishonourable.



6. **Our young lives can be beautiful** if we ask the Spirit of Righteousness to shine on us and make the graces of faith, love, unselfishness, kindness etc to grow in our hearts.
7. Finally, in the morning days of our lives **we should be glad**. The best way to true happiness is to share the happiness that we have with others.
8. Christmas is a time for getting presents, but it is also a time for giving presents. *'It is more blessed to give than to receive'*.
9. *'God so loved the world, that he gave his only beloved Son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.'* John 3 v 16



'... a morning without clouds'. 2 Sam 23 v 4



The Sanctuary Knocker

Sanctuary - After the Galilee was built, the north door of the nave became the Cathedral's main entrance.

From rooms above, monks kept watch day and night for fugitives seeking sanctuary, who grasped the ring in the mouth of the bronze lion head to knock.

The seeker was admitted immediately and was allowed 37 days refuge, with food, drink and bedding. He was safe until he received royal pardon, or came to terms with his accusers. If neither happened he was required to renounce the realm and walk to the nearest port carrying a wooden cross. 331 men claimed sanctuary this way between 1464 and 1524.

