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Exodus 1:22 *"Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: 'Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.'"*

Psalm 21:11 *"Though they plot evil against you*

and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed;"

Proverbs 24:8, 9 *"He who plots evil*

will be known as a schemer,

The schemes of folly are sin,

and men detest a mocker."

The Old Testament records many episodes of violent behaviour. There is much slaughtering of men, women and children and plotting and scheming by the powerful against the weak. These are acts we would consider evil. We could dismiss them as happening a long time ago but we should remember more recent atrocities in Cambodia, Rwanda, the Balkans even Germany.

Moses was put in a basket by his mother to escape death at the hands of Pharaoh's henchmen. God rewarded his mother's courage as well as furthering His will. He wanted Moses to become a leader of the Israelites and lead his people out of Egypt.

David in Psalm 21 whilst thanking God for his success in battle recognises His help in combating evil plotters. This message is reinforced in Proverbs, *'He who plots evil will be known as a schemer.'*

Whilst we may not be able to defeat major evil in our troubled world we need to try and combat little evils that we meet in our daily lives. We should spread the good news of God's loving grace to everyone even to those who in our eyes are evil.