

THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD

Do you know how many miracles it took for me to be here right now? I don't know the exact number, but I can tell you that without a shadow of doubt that IF it were not for the Hand of God on my life I would have been dead and gone hundreds if not thousands of times long ago. Somehow the LORD, the giver of every good gift and Father of the fatherless, has had pity on me and kept me by his infinite power and wisdom. The psalmist says that the LORD hath prepared His throne in the heavens, and His Kingdom ruleth over all. The Hand of God is always working, in every situation, in every circumstance, most don't see or acknowledge Him but He's always working good will toward all men.

Today we will talk about the Hand of God working in the seen and unseen. We will reflect on the Hand of God working in our lives and we will also look at many examples from the Holy Scriptures how those that have gone before us have been impacted by the Hand of God working mightily upon them. The hope of this teaching is that each of us will be encouraged to continue in the faith with a greater understanding of the Mighty God whose Hand is always upon us.

Jeremiah 18:1-6 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, **2** Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. **3** Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. **4** And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. **5** Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, **6** O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

The POTTER is a MASTER at Making Something Out of NOTHING!!!

Isaiah 64:4-8 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. **5** Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. **6** But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. **7** And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. **8** But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

TRY AGAIN
BACK TO THE
WHEEL

When we was proud / stubborn we couldn't
be molded and shaped ...
We must

Come to God vulnerable in humility ready for Him to transform you for His glory

Psalm 10:12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

Psalm 138:6-8 Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off. **7** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: **thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies**, and thy right hand shall save me. **8** The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: **forsake not the works of thine own hands.**

1 Peter 5:5-7 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. **6** Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: **7** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

PUT IT ALL IN HIS HANDS!!!

Delight yourself in The Lord.

Psalm 118:14-17 The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. **15** The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. **16** The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. **17** I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The Hand of God Corrects Us

Job 5:17-18 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: **18** For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

The Hand of God Heals Us

Acts 4:29-31 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, **30** **By stretching forth thine hand to heal;** and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. **31** And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

The Hand of God Leads Us

Psalm 89:13-14 Thou hast a mighty arm: **strong is thy hand**, and high is thy right hand. **14** Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

The Hand of God Feeds Us

Psalm 37:23-25 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. **24** Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: **for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.** **25** I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

The Hand of God Delivers Us

Psalm 31:15 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

The Hand of God Keeps Us

Psalm 95:1-6 O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. **2** Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. **3** For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. **4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth:** the strength of the hills is his also. **5** The sea is his, and he made it: and **his hands formed the dry land.** **6** O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

Examples Of Those Who Despised The HAND of GOD & Reaped Judgment

Daniel 5:17-31 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, **Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another;** yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:

19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

20 But when his **heart was lifted up**, and **his mind hardened in pride**, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; **till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men**, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, **hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;**

23 But **hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven**; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and **the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:**

24 Then was the part of **the hand sent from him**; and this writing was written.

25 And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. 30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

The HAND of God Moves Swiftly & Other Times His HAND Moves Slowly

1 Samuel 5:1-9 And the Philistines **took the ark of God**, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod.

2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, **Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the Lord**. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, **Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground** before the ark of the LORD; **and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off** upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

6 But **the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod**, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for **his hand is sore upon us**, and upon Dagon our god.

8 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about thither.

9 And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, **the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction**: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

Same HAND of God In Old Testament As This New Testament Example

Acts 13:6-12 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and **desired to hear the word of God**.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, **seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith**.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him.

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou **enemy of all righteousness**, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, **the hand of the Lord is upon thee**, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

The HAND of God Gives LIFE and Takes Life Away - Don't Play Games With God

Hebrews 10:30-31 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. **31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

Deuteronomy 32:41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. **12** Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; **and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.**

Do You Want The Hand of God To Be With You Every Moment of the Day?

1 Chronicles 4:10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and **that thine hand might be with me**, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

The HAND of GOD is Enlarging Our Territory

The HAND of GOD is Moving People Into The Picture For Our Good

The HAND of GOD is Moving People Out Of The Picture For Our Good

The HAND of GOD is Opening Doors In Our Lives For The Good

The HAND of GOD is Closing Doors In Our Lives For The Good

Job 12:10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

The Miraculous Hand of God Has Made Us Who We Are Today

Joshua 4:23-24 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: **24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD**, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

The secret of the Lord is with...
He fulfills the desire of those who...