



THE HAND OF GOD

“And the hand of the Lord was with him”-Luke 1:66.

**I. Read from Holly Dunn's song: "Daddy's Hands!
I remember daddy's hands folded silently in
prayer**

And reachin' out to hold, when I had a nightmare

**You could read quite a story in the callous' and
lines**

**Years of work and worry had left their mark
behind**

**I remember daddy's hands how they held my
momma tight**

And patted my back for something done right

**There are things that I'd forgotten that I loved
about the man**

**But I'll always remember the love in daddy's
hands**



**Daddy's hands were soft and kind
when I was cryin'**

**Daddy's hands were hard as steel
when I'd done wrong**

**Daddy's hands weren't always gentle
but I've come to understand**

**There was always love in daddy's
hands**

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II. Scriptures about God's hand

A. God's hand is powerful!

“Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the lord's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the Lord brought thee out of Egypt”-Exodus 13:3 & 9.

“Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord hath dashed in pieces the enemy.



***And in the greatness of thine excellency
thou hast overthrown them that rose up
against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath,
which consumed them as stubble.***

***And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters
were gathered together, the floods stood
upright as an heap, and the depths were
congealed in the heart of the sea.***

***The enemy said, I will pursue, I will
overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall
be satisfied upon them; I will draw my
sword, my hand shall destroy them.***

Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou stretchest out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them”-Exodus 15:6-12.

“Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call upon them, they stand up together”-Isaiah 48:12 & 13.

B. God's hand is used in both a positive and negative way!

1. Positive

a. *“But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he hath sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt”-Deuteronomy 7:8.*

b. *“And the hand of the Lord was with him”- Luke 1:66. see also Luke 1:6, 15; John 10:41.*

c. *“And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.*

And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord”- Acts 11:20 & 21.

2. Negative

a. “Withersoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them (Israel, see v. 14) for evil, as the Lord had said, as the Lord had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed”-Judges 2:15.

b. “That I will break the Assyrians in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

For the Lord of hosts hath purposed , and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?”-Isaiah 14:25 & 27.

C. God's hand is a pleading hand

“But unto Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people”-Romans 10:21; Isaiah 65:1 & 2.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I gather thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not”-Matthew 23:37; Luke 19:41.

“Come unto me”-Matthew 11:28-30.

“And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation”-II Peter 3:15.

D. God's hand holds His sheep securely!

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

I and my Father are one”-John 10:27-30.

“The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and say, Destroy them”-Deuteronomy 33:27

How secure does a little boy or girl feel when

How secure does a little boy or girl feel when holding tightly to their daddy's hand?

How much more secure does the Christian feel in the powerful hand of God?



III. Closing thoughts

A. Will we remove ourselves from God's hand by turning away from Him?

When we as Christians cease hearing and following the Lord, we have removed ourselves from God's protection!

B. I have often emphasized the point that no Christian upon entering heaven will ever accuse God of having asked too much of them, or placed too many trials and difficulties before them!

C. I have also emphasized the opposite! Christians who depart from God and will be lost eternally in hell, will be begging for another opportunity to return to God-but it will be too late!

D. Christians who believe they can stay home and please God are self-deceived!

E. “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

But a fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses.

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth to me, I will recompense, saith the lord. And again, The lord shall judge his people.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God”-Hebrews 11:24-31.



**CHRIST IS PLEADING WITH ALL
THOSE WHO ARE LOST TO RESPOND
TO HIS INVITATION AND BE SAVED!!**

***“Go ye into all the world and preach the
gospel to every creature.***

***He that believeth and is baptized shall
be saved; but he that believeth not shall
be damned”-Mark 16:15 &16.***