

In the Hand of God

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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The hand of God is a symbol of God's guidance, instruction and discipline. The more we recognize the hand of God, the better we will be able to follow His lead. How then can we see the hand of God moving in our lives? Isa.49:16 reminds us of God's love: "I have engraved you in the palm of my hand." Therefore, we must continue to serve, obey and worship Him.

1. How do we describe the hand of God?

- 1.1. **God's hand created everything.** He was mindful of the condition of His people; thus, before creating man, God created everything man would need (Isa.48:13). He made man into His image and His likeness - righteousness and holiness (Gen.1:26). God formed man from the dust of the ground - the physical body made of clay; He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, soul and spirit, and man become a living soul (Gen.2:7).
- 1.2. **Our times are in God's hand** (Psa.31:15). There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens (Eccles.3:1). Our lifespan is between 70 and 80 years old (Psa.90:10). Only God guarantees the length of our days, and if we exhibit our faith in God, His spirit will work in our lives, leading and guiding us.
- 1.3. **God's hand is not too short to save us** (Isa.59:1). His rescue extends eternal; His ear, ever so ardent to listen. Our purpose in life is to glorify God - suffering and trials are part of our Christian life (Jm.1:2-4). Bro. Bobby Rodriguez, one of the Elder-Founders of the Lord's Flock Community (TLF), experienced several life-threatening accidents in his life; however, he has been kept alive with no injury. The hand of God saved him for a purpose – to be a living proof of His promise of a life of hope and a future (Jer.29:11).

1.4. God's hand gives provision (Psa. 23:1).

The providing hand of God, our Shepherd, guarantees blessings of abundance, more than all our needs (Phil.4:19). Miracles happen when we entrust and surrender everything to Him - our plans, decisions, and wearies. The Miracle of Multiplication tells the story of the lad who gave 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes (Jn.6:1-3), and shows how God extends His hands full of generosity and love to His people. The Lord will fight for our battles; as we keep still, we show resolute trust in Him (Ex.14:14).

2. When we obey and surrender our lives to God, this will happen:

- 2.1. **We will receive strength and comfort in times of sorrow** (Psa.119:28). When life is full of heaviness and burden, we become shaken and doubtful. The word of God enlightens and strengthens our soul.
- 2.2. **We will receive hope in times of suffering.** God's word is the truth that provides assurance of comfort (Psa.119:49).

3. What are the promises of God?

- 3.1. Assurance of Forgiveness (1Jn.1:9).
- 3.2. Assurance of Salvation (1Jn.5:11).
- 3.3. Assurance of Answered Prayer (Jn.16:24).
- 3.4. Assurance of Guidance (Prov.3:5-6).
- 3.5 Assurance of Victory (1Cor.10:13).

Conclusion:

Let us surrender to God all our problems. If we obey and serve the Lord, we will spend the rest of our lives in prosperity and the rest of our days in contentment (Job36:37).

REFLECTION:

What do you hold in your hand that you haven't surrendered to God?

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