



'The Many Hands Of God'

John 10:27-29

In this text, Jesus paints a picture of God's hand. According to him, there is no better place for sinners than in the hand of God. Jesus assured His followers and all else, who would hear His words, that once in the hand of God they were secure. No sneaky sheep thief could "snatch" them away from Him. In short, sinners were safest in the place many have come to fear: the hand of God.

Before we can celebrate our life with confidence, we must place ourselves, sin and all, in the hand of God. But do not let this picture of peace and safety, of security and protection, lull you into the notion that the hand of God is some great celestial easy chair—always soft, comfy, and reclined. No the hand of God is far too versatile to be pigeonholed like that.

What, then, will you find when you come to the hand of God? IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU NEED. Like the hand of any good father, His hand will provide just what you need when you need it. None may have understood this better than David did. He uses the image of the hand of God nearly fifty times throughout the Psalms to demonstrate the broad range of God's power and care. Let us look at these four hands of God and see which one you may be in need of right now.

- I. THE SECURE HAND OF GOD – Psalm 139:7-10
- II. THE SATISFYING HAND OF GOD – Psalm 104:24-28
- III. THE DISCIPLINING HAND OF GOD – Psalm 32:1-4;
Psalm 38:1-3
- IV. THE RESTORING HAND OF GOD – Psalm 37:23-24

David knew the GUIDING, SATISFYING, DISCIPLINING and RESTORING power of Gods hands. He had felt their touch when things were dark as well as when the birds sang and the sun shone. In addition, and best of all, he knew that the God he worshipped loved him and wanted to be with him. So, whether you need DIRECTION, NURTURING, CORRECTION, or RESCUE—hold to God's unchanging hand. You will find everything you need there—including 'THE HOLE THAT THE NAIL LEFT.'

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