

THE HAND OF GOD – Part 2

Isaiah 41:15-16 KJV Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. (16) Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

I. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR BELIEVERS IN THE WORLD– Vs. 15, 16 (Usefulness for GOD)

- a. I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth
 - i. An "instrument of God" is someone or something used by God to accomplish His will.
- b. thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff
- c. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away and the whirlwind shall scatter them
- d. thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

- II. **Isaiah 41:9-13 KJV** Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. (10) Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, **I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.** (11) Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. (12) Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. (13) For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

GOD VALIDATES THAT HIS HAND ACTS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS TOWARDS THOSE THAT BELONG TO HIM

III. GOD ESTABLISHES HIS CLAIM OVER BELIEVERS. – Vs. 9 (Relationship with GOD)

- a. I have taken from the ends of the earth
- b. called thee from the chief men
- c. Thou art my servant
- d. I have chosen thee
- e. not cast thee away.

IV. GOD DECLARES SUPPORT OF BELIEVERS – Vs. 10 (Faith in GOD)

- a. Fear thou not; for I am with thee
- b. be not dismayed; for I am thy God
- c. I will strengthen thee
- d. I will help thee
- e. **I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.**

Isaiah 41:10 ERV (East to Read Version) Don't worry—I am with you. Don't be afraid—I am your God. I will make you strong. I will help you. **I will support you with my right hand that brings victory.**

1. "RIGHT HAND" = POWER, AUTHORITY, AND FAVOR

IN BIBLICAL LANGUAGE, THE **RIGHT HAND** SYMBOLIZES:

- STRENGTH AND POWER
- VICTORY AND PROTECTION
- HONOR AND AUTHORITY

GOD'S "RIGHT HAND" MEANS **HIS ACTIVE POWER AT WORK** ON BEHALF OF HIS PEOPLE.

2. "MY RIGHTEOUSNESS" = GOD'S PERFECT JUSTICE AND FAITHFULNESS

RIGHTEOUSNESS HERE DOES **NOT** MEAN HUMAN GOODNESS.
IT REFERS TO:

- GOD'S MORAL PERFECTION
- HIS FAITHFULNESS TO HIS PROMISES
- HIS COVENANT LOYALTY

SO THIS IS NOT ABOUT *OUR* RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT **GOD ACTING ACCORDING TO WHO HE IS.**

3. TOGETHER: GOD PERSONALLY UPHOLDS YOU

WHEN GOD SAYS HE WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH **"THE RIGHT HAND OF MY RIGHTEOUSNESS,"** HE IS SAYING:

- *"I WILL SUPPORT YOU WITH MY OWN STRENGTH."*
- *"I WILL ACT IN A WAY THAT IS FAITHFUL AND JUST."*
- *"YOU WILL NOT FALL BECAUSE I AM HOLDING YOU."*

IT IS A PROMISE OF **DIVINE SUPPORT THAT CANNOT FAIL**, BECAUSE IT RESTS ON GOD'S CHARACTER—NOT HUMAN EFFORT.

V. GOD'S PROMISE TO VINDICATE BELIEVERS – Vs. 11, 12 (Victory thru GOD)

- a. they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded
- b. they shall be as nothing
- c. they that strive with thee shall perish
- d. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them
- e. they that war against thee shall be as nothing

VI. GOD'S SECOND DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR BELIEVERS – Vs. 13 (Security in GOD)

- a. I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand
- b. Fear not; I will help thee.