

THE HAND OF GOD – Part 3

1 Peter 5:6-10 KJV 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. (8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (9) Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (10) But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

What is the mighty hand of GOD

- ‡ GOD's power and authority to provide, protect, guide and change anything and any situation
- ‡ GOD's ability to address any need or circumstance
- ‡ GOD's control over everything that exists
- ‡ GOD's sovereign rulership over the affairs of life and death
- ‡ GOD's unmatched, incomparable glorious operation

‡ **The mighty hand of GOD is conveying His omnipotent power**

- **Believers need to have faith in the mighty hand of GOD**
- To resist the attraction of temptation and deception
 - To overcome fears, failures and sin
 - To glorify GOD thru our life and lifestyle

Glorify:

- to acknowledge and reveal the majesty and splendor of (God) by one's actions.
- pointing others to Him through our words, thoughts, and actions, making His value known.
 - A righteous life
 - A godly life
 - A life of faith in the promises of GOD

Romans 4:19-21 KJV And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: (20) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; (21) And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

- To experience genuine transformation

2 Timothy 3:5 KJV Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

- To proclaim the gospel as the power of GOD for everyone that believes

Romans 1:16 KJV For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

- **To encourage faith in the mighty hand of GOD**

1 Corinthians 2:5 KJV That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

- **Believers will be attacked by our adversary the devil**

Adversary: opponent

Devil: accuser

Believers are to be watchful of the cunning strategies and the power of the evil one.

Humble themselves:

Believers must be fully convinced of the mighty hand of GOD before they can humble themselves

- having a low opinion of your own importance, recognizing your dependence on God, and submitting to His will
- How do believers humble themselves
 - Prayer | Fasting | Obedience
 - Serving | Seeking the LORD's will

Casting all your care upon him:

- give your worries, anxieties, and burdens to God through prayer and trust
- release the heavy load of life's troubles, trusting God to support and guide you

Be sober, be vigilant:

- be sound in thinking and be alert
- don't be rattled in judgement and pay attention to details
- be balanced and watchful

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