

# **God's Hands are Outstretched (Waiting to Receive You)**

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Years ago the Lord showed me a vision of many people on a crowded street hurrying to get where they were going. They hurried about, not seeming to notice any other person around them or who they were even rubbing elbows with. They were preoccupied with their own thoughts and getting to their destination. As they came to a cross section of streets, some were rushing even more than others, but all were in such a hurry! No one bothered to look around, nor did they seem to care about any other person around them as they rushed to wherever they were going.

All the while the people were on the move, I was looking at the most awesome, huge, manly or masculine pair of hands extended down towards all the people, but the people do not notice these very huge hands. They were caring hands extended all the way out to the people and the fingers were stretched wide apart in such a way that the people could not ignore them. They were caring hands, outstretched to help the people and guide them gently but still no one saw them though they kept walking between the fingers of these outstretched hands. I could see the Love of God and these wonderful awesome, huge hands, yet the people never knew that

His hands were there for them. They were so busy going their own way!

Down through the years I have reflected back on the vision of God's hands many times as I have watched mankind living their lives and going about their duties in such a way that they do not regard God Almighty, nor do they seek Him for guidance in their daily affairs.

The Bible states clearly how loving and compassionate the hands of a God truly are. Isaiah:40:10-11 says; "Behold the Lord God will come with strong hand and his arm shall rule for him: Behold his reward is with him and his work before him, He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom, and so gently lead those are with young."

The Lord desires to lead us and guide us gently through life and to be a compassionate shepherd and constant companion. He desires to take us into His bosom as a loving Father and comfort us and protect us from the snares and stress that the cares of this life would inflict on us. It is His desire to lead us into the calm and peaceful life that He has planned for us, with quietness and confidence (rest) in our spirits as we go from day to day.

Left without God ruling in it can be very stressful weary, dark and slippery, with much unrest and distrust.

Life, without God, will cause you to think that you have to make your own way and go in your own path the best way you can. This, in actuality, breeds selfishness and blindness, causing one, to fail to see that God's love and tender care are what we truly need to lead us through life successfully.

Is not God's will for mankind to direct his own steps nor go in his own paths. Following one's own direction will eventually lead us to bitter disappointments, dissatisfaction and unrest. It will also cause the God-less individual to not care about the other person around him daily.

God sent His Son, Christ Jesus, that we might have life and that more abundantly. Jesus said in John 10:10: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they may have it more abundantly".

God sent his Son Jesus to be our Shepherd: to lovingly and tenderly lead us into the path of righteous living and to lighten our path every step of the way through this life. Jeremiah 10: 23 says; "Oh Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct himself". Jesus came to us from the Heavenly Father to be that perfect way that leads us

to the awareness and the acknowledgment of God's sovereign and keeping power. II Samuel 22:29 says, "For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness." He also came as the Bright and Shining Light that we might see who God is and not walk in darkness and uncertainty.

Jesus said through Apostle Peter in I Peter 5:7 that we are to cast all our cares upon Him for He cares for us. He will lift our heavy burdens and take the restlessness out of our spirits in place in us His sweet peace and rest. In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus says "Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden (with cares) and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you (the Word, Bible), and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light".

The Lord's promises are true. He will open your spiritual eyes and give you understanding of His words and grant you His peace and rest. He will open your heart and give you new meaning, and an awareness of life as God sees it. He will bring you into harmony with Him and cause you to be alert and caring concerning things that are around you, just as God cares about each one of us.

Gods Hands are outstretched to you to lovingly and gently pick you up and hold you in His mighty Hand to protect you from all things that would seek to destroy

you. John 10:27 to 30 says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, it is shiny 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".

As I waited in His presence today, the Lord God asked me if I would write for Him. When answered "Yes", He immediately brought the vision of His Hands to my remembrance so that I could write His message of love to you.

Please stop your hurrying and rushing about, and listen to His whisper unto you. Feel His gentle tug at your heart and hear the sound of His knock at your door. Open to Him without further delay. Come quickly to Him and accept Him as your Savior, Lord and Friend. His Hands are outstretched and He is waiting to receive you.

One is merely existing in this world without the life of God abiding in us and we end Him. Come now to Him. Time is of the essence. Accept God's invitation by surrendering your heart and extending your hand to Him. (Jeremiah 23:23 says "Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?") Say unto God as the Psalmist writes in Psalms 73:23, "Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand." The Lord God will never let you go for He says to them who trust Him, "I will never be thee, nor forsake

thee."(Hebrews 13:5). Also, in Matthew 28:20, "... and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

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