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The Church in the Hands of the Lord

What does it mean to be in the hands of the Lord?

We need to find out what it means to be in the hands of the Lord.

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The first thing we need to consider is the power of His hands.

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The Hands of God are powerful.

He formed man with His hands.

He secures us in His hands.

He comforts us in His hands.

He heals us with His hands.

He supplies with His hands.

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Consider God's personal touch in creating man.

God is so almighty that He spoke everything into existence.

God spoke and the firmament came into existence.

God spoke and the heavens and earth were formed.

God spoke and the earth began producing vegetation.

God spoke and creeping animals and fowl came into existence.

God stooped down and formed man out of the dust of the earth.

God put His hands on man.

When God saw that it was not good for man to live alone, God put His hands on man and took a rib.

God formed a woman out of the rib.

The touch of His hands contains creative power.

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Too often we fail to remember the keeping power of the Lord.

He has secured us in His hands.

God has the power to keep us safe.

There is a place of safety in the Father's hands.

Jesus Christ our Savior has marked His hands with us.

He said our names were engraved in His hands.

I believe the cross is the place where Jesus took us to Himself.

We are indelibly inscribed in the palm of His hands.

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Can you imagine what God's hands are like?

What is it like being comforted in His hands?

He wipes away our sorrows with His hands.

He wipes away our tears with His hands.

He lifts us out of the pit of sin.
 He holds us from the brazen attack of the enemy.
 He delivers us from the snare of Satan.
 His hands are hands of comfort.

When God touches man something wonderful happens.

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Mark 1:29-34 (NIV) ²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her.

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³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.

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³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

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This is an account of one miracle that Christ did with His hands.

Peter's wife's mother was ill of a fever.

Jesus came out of the synagogue.

He had been teaching and healing with a divine authority.

He began talking to the poor fishermen that accompanied him.

Jesus went to Peter's house for some fish and chips.

When He arrived Peter's mother-in-law was sick.

Jesus Christ comes to do good!

The cure was complete.

When the fever left she was not weak.

The same hand that healed her strengthened her.

She was able to minister to them.

The cure enabled her to minister to the Lord.

The cure resolved an issue in her life that kept her from effective ministry.

Jesus put His hand on her.

When she was healed she was ready to get up and minister to them.

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Jesus reached out to heal many times.

Luke 4:40 (NIV) ⁴⁰When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.

His hands are the hands of a healer.

In Mark 6:5 He laid his hands on a few of them and healed them.

Jesus laid His hands on a crippled woman in Luke 13.

She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

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Jesus looked at her and said: "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then He put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

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He supplies with His hands.

In John 6:11 Jesus took the loaves of bread in His hands.

It was actually 5 thin barley wafers and two little anchovies.

There were 5,000 hungry people.

What are these among so many?

Jesus was adequate for the emergency.

He took the small supply into His hands and blessed it and then began to break the bread and the fish.

The supply was not the quality of the bread and the fish.

The supply was in His hands.

He was on a hillside with 5,000 hungry people and He took the small lunch in His hands and supplied the need.

The boy had brought his lunch.

The boy could not supply the food for 5,000 people.

In the lad's hands it was not enough.

Jesus took the small thing and multiplied it to meet the need.

Has His power to supply the need diminished because He is sitting in heaven?

Isaiah 59:1 NKJV ¹Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

We have somewhat established the almighty power of His hands.

Now look at what is in His hands.

There are some notable things in His hands.

Revelation 1:17-20 (NIV) ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed His right hand on me and said: ***"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."***

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First, Jesus holds is the keys of death and Hades.

This is significant.

Death is the last enemy the Bible says will be destroyed.

Jesus holds the keys to death.

He also holds the keys to Hades.

Hades is the place of the dead.

The New Living Translation says this is the grave.

The Greek translation of the word Hades says it is the place where departed souls are held.

What does it mean that Jesus holds the keys?

Jesus has the power to undo the hold of death and the grave.

Jesus has the power in His hands to reverse death.

Jesus has the power to give New Life to those who have died.

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The second thing that is in His hand is seven stars.

Revelation 1:20 NIV ²⁰The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand ... The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches

What are these seven stars?

The Lord said the seven stars were the angels of the seven churches.

These are His messengers to the churches.

There are many different interpretations to the Greek word.

186 times the word is translated angel

179 times it is translated messenger.

Some say the Lord has the guardian angels of the churches in His hands.

Others say it is God's sent messengers.

Others say it is the pastors of the churches.

These messengers receive a special touch from His hands.

These are individuals who respond to His touch.

These are individuals that speak His word.

They carry His light.

They are stars in His hands.

The fire of God is in them.

They are anointed to speak.

They are sent to His church.

They shine as stars.

Some people are determined that these seven angels are supernatural beings.

Others are sure they are the pastors of the church.

Others feel they are any people who proclaim the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Regardless of what interpretation you take, we know that His hands hold His people.

If we have been sent with His message, we have the security of knowing we are in His hands.

If we are His anointed church, we are in His hands.

Ecclesiastes 9:1 (NIV) ¹So I reflected on all this and concluded that the righteous and the wise and what they do are in God's hands

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We have seen what He does with His hands

He formed man with His hands.

He secures us in His hands.

He comforts us in His hands.

He heals us with His hands.

He multiplies and supplies with His almighty hands.

He holds the keys of death and Hades.

He holds the Seven Stars in His hands.

He holds believers in His hands.

Do you understand what God has said to us?

God has put His hands on us.

God has put His hands that formed man on us.

God has put His hands that secure us on us.

God has put comforting hands on us.

God has put healing hands on us.

God has put overcoming powerful hands on us.

God has put His hands on us.

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Why has God put His hands on us?

There is a reason behind His touch.

When Jesus laid his hands on Peter's mother in law, He healed her and gave her strength to minister.

When Jesus held the Seven Stars He gave them light and power to stand before the full church.

Jesus never put His hands on people without a purpose.

Has the Lord put His hands on you?

What are you doing with His touch?

Have you received His healing?

Have you received His strength?

Has He given you His power to stand in His Name?

Has He put His blessing on your life?

Has He supplied and multiplied for you?

You need to know the Lord has His hands on you.

He has you there to use you.

He has you there to keep you secure.

He has you there in His hands to empower you with His power.

He has transferred some of His glory to you.

He has caused you to shine as a light before the world.