

THE HAND OF GOD

Scripture:

~~II Kings 3:15~~
~~Exodus 8:19~~
~~I Samuel 5:11~~

Forest City
1 Chron 29:11-12
1 Peter 5:6
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Introduction

It has become a popular idea that God no longer takes an active role in the affairs of this world. The scripture states, **Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save....**

Isaiah 59:1

In another place, Isaiah states, **but his hand is stretched out still.**

Isaiah 9:12

The hand of God is still working in this world, his fingers still possess dexterity to manipulate situations to accomplish the Divine will.

I. The hand of God in the past

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

John 1:3

A. In the Old Testament

1. In creation
2. In deliverance from Egypt

And I will stretch out my hand and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

Exodus 3:20

- a. The plagues
- b. The confession of the magicians

Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God.

Exodus 8:19

- c. Israel delivered

- I. The hand of God in the past
 - A. In the Old Testament
 3. In Esther
 - B. In the New Testament
 1. Jesus
 - a. The hand of God in bodily form
 - b. Men witnessed God's working firsthand
 2. Paul
 - C. In post-apostolic times
 1. Martin Luther

The just shall live by faith.
Romans 1:17
 2. The protestant revivals
 - a. Wesley
 - b. Moody

But But preacher, you say, all this happened in the past. What about the present?

- II. The hand of God in the present
 - A. The Pentecostal revival

Men like E. N. Bell, E. S. Williams, J. R. Flower, W. B. McCafferty found the guidance of the hand of God through the Holy Spirit.
 - B. Personal experiences
 1. In being run over by a car
 2. In near drowning
 3. In hanging self

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- III. The hand of God in the future
 - A. For those on his right hand

Well done, good and faithful servant;
thou hast been faithful over a few things,
I will make thee ruler over many things:
enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
Matthew 25:23

III. The hand of God in the future

B. For those on the left hand

Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matthew 25:41

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:31