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IN GOD'S HAND Oct 16, 1977 A.M. vvv  
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Hand - Ruth Graham Billy's wife  
"Happy as a Lark" - China's story  
seller of cherries / small boy - no money!  
want some - Ned & Hold Hands - would not  
Kind seller 2 Handfull - Hold open shirt filled it  
Hot home - Grandma asked - Why did not  
Hold your Hands?  
Boy, his 4 were Bigger Than mine!  
His Hands are Bigger Than ours!

INTRODUCTION:

There is a song that goes something like this:  
"He's got the whole world in his hand.  
He's got the little baby in his hands.  
And he's got you and he's got me in his hands."

Now this is something that reflects what David said many many years ago when he said "my times are in thy hands."

To get just a little background of this in the 4th verse, David was in distress. He was very earnest with his prayer to God for relief. And he was hoping that God would deliver him from his troubles, from the malice of his enemies, from all of the persecution about him. He was trying to carry out his duty but his enemies were crafty and he was praying that God would frustrate them somehow and baffle them. And as he re-thought his position he finally reached the point that he said that his time was in the hands of God.

You must keep in mind that his troubles were very deep in mind and he was a man of sorrow. He had had a great deal of trouble with Saul - King Saul. Another thing you might keep in mind is in the 10th verse, his body was afflicted with the sorrows of his mind. And in the 11th verse, his friends were very unkind to him and they censored him. And this is when he makes this great glorious decision and he says, my time is in Thy hand.

Now there are three or four things I would like to point out in reference to the experience of David. First, of all, his time was not controlled by fate. Second, his time seemed to be changeable. And Third, his time was plagued by enemies. And Fourth, his time is committed to God's hand.

I. His Time Is Not Controlled By Fate.

I think this is a remarkable incident here. An increasing number of people today



are living daily in the grip of fear. In this modern generation, men have lost their grip on God. And it is generally agreed that Psalms 31 was written by David and it is generally agreed that David frankly admits and describes the fear that grips his heart and then tells us how he conquered it, by praying to God and by putting his trust in the Lord. That this could quiet his fears.

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 Now this is seen very clearly in Verse 8 when he speaks, "Thou has set my feet in a large place. He is looking for room to live." With feeling unconcerned people pull down the horizon upon them until the gloom of night settles upon them. And this is a tragic thing, if it were not avoidable. If men's lives were fixed by fate then we might sympathize with them.

The (horrible torture) of an Eastern Monarch in which he afflicted upon unfortunate subjects was a chamber in which the sides revolved and in which as it turned gradually came together. And the man in the chamber was doomed to watch with dismay as the walls of his ceiling came slowly in and hopelessly and helplessly he was at last crushed. Now the same thing happens to a man who tries to live according to fate. There are agencies and influences always operating. Social, political, economical, intellectual and spiritual life - I think the Psalmist sort of cut off a section of his life and so was in distress. Now the Lord will come and give him relief and lift him up and give him some wide spaces to live in. But with a selfish view of life we can see that without a vision, there is no essential progress. God is not in control when fate is in control. And there is a difference here between God's providence and what people consider fate.

Rabbit's hind foot! Now Rabbit has 4 feet -  
 Cat cross Path - No matter the Cat's Mission -  
 Tea Leaves - Palm Reading - Roots -

First, (some people) believe that their lives are in the hands of some unknown <sup>Superpower</sup> power. Many people think they are like puppets. They think there is some force other than God which controls their lives and that this as Christians we do not accept because we must realize that there is a sole power.

We must never forget that there are two great attributes of God. One is his (power) -- that is God is above all other beings. That God is above the natural forces. Now that God spoke and it was done.



II

The other thing we must remember about God is his goodness. Now this is a primary revelation that God has worked out through Jesus Christ. It is the giving of his son on a cross that we learn his goodness. Now you see the logic of this. If God so loves us, he will not withhold any good thing from us that he knows is necessary for earthly life. Now the knowledge of God is the great antidote to fear. God is all powerful so we should recognize that we are not controlled by fate.

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II. His Time Seemed To Be Changeable. V.8

Now as I mentioned, in Verse 8, the Psalmist was searching that his feet might be set upon a larger room. And many of us I am sure when we come to this verse in the Bible, we say, well that is not for me. I do not live in a large room. The place I occupy in the world is a very small one. Now the truth that the Psalmist teaches us is when we yield our lives to Christ - he so enlarges our vision and our opportunity that we find ourselves in a different and a larger world. There was a man in youth that thought that life was a great adventure and of course, to his surprise, he found that instead of great adventure he was tied down to a daily task in an office or in his little workshop.

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A wife who literally on her wedding day has looked forward to the future but now her whole existence is a ceaseless round of cooking, sweeping, dusting, and carrying for everybody and the everyday needs of her household.

What are we to do when life closes in upon us. There are two ways in which we can enlarge a room. We can raise the ceiling or we can push back the walls. Now I think Jesus will do this when he comes in and causes us to live in a larger world.

A news reporter once was on his way to an appointment. It was a rainy day, he was tired, and somebody told him a parable. He said a certain man saw three men with hammers and chisels cutting stones. He asked one what are you doing, he said I am just chipping away at this bit of stone. The second man replied, I am earning my living for myself and my family. The third man replied, I am building a cathedral. The answer. He was taking part in God's plan in his daily task. Now this sort of

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V. 166 - IN my changeable times - *Who will show us good? 4:6*  
Many are saying Place your mercies upon us!  
attitude will put one in a larger room.

Now the average woman thinks that her world is just very small. Susan Wesley  
- the wife of a minister, had 19 children. She was just one woman, two hands and  
a heart to care for them. This was a big job but God was there and he pushed back  
the walls a little bit to help her see the ends of the earth. As she held the baby  
Charles in her arms, sang him to sleep, she saw by faith that this child of hers -  
the great hymn writer would be a blessing to the Christian church. She caught her  
little son John and taught him about God and the truth - and she could see by his  
faith that he was going to lead millions.

This public school teacher today, what patience it takes to be bound up with  
their work, day after day, year after year. In the same place, toiling with a never  
ending procession of children passing on. How often that place must be the place  
where providence has put them. For the school room, you see, men and women pass through  
who are trained and shaped for destiny and for the states and the nations. Never in  
the world's history was there a greater need for teachers to realize that this is a  
God given opportunity.

You may be transported to the small room of adversity and here too know that God  
is present.

So, your time, may be changeable.

### CONFLICT

#### III. His Time Was Plagued By Sadness

- Verse 9 - In trouble. - Story of Suffer - "O Lord" use 12 Times This Name by Home
- Verse 11 - Reproached. Absaloms Revolt - Enemies Made Most of ill reports.  
*STANDER - Those who see me in the st. Flee from me*
- Verse 12 - Broken Vessel. - Buried Alive - Envy, Malice of Enemies, Discard a broken vessel.  
*Friends forget him* *What a Pity, How useless*
- Verse 18 - Lying Lips. - Speak Guivous Things

It is not necessary to cut down a tree in order to destroy it. If the bark is  
simply cut away, the tree will soon die. It is not necessary to kill a man, to destroy  
his spiritual life. You just let the little things of sin and worldliness get hold  
of his life and soon he is powerless.



Termites are very small creatures. But they can get into an old house and destroy it. David cried out to God and deliver me from mine enemies. Now he was talking about some physical enemies but I think he was also talking about some spiritual enemies which he had. Now this is the thing that you as a Christian ought to give attention too. You ought to be better this year than you were last year. Now I wonder if I speak to somebody today whose Christian life is not all that it ought to be. You started out to be a Christian, faithful in your duties, but today you are not serving God. And you are unhappy, you are unsettled. Let me just mention one or two of these enemies.

*Prayerlessness* I think here is one of the enemies that will plague us. The two disciples on their way to Emmaus discovered a new truth when they were saying how can these things be when they witnessed the master in prayer. You know it is a sin to live a prayerless life. God gives us everything and yet we are so often very thankless. *1868 Howell truly reported 12 meetings 6100 in prayer 10,000 saved N.Y.*

Some people feel that God wants us to pray about the big things, but not about the little things. But God is the one who creates and gives color to the rose, and to the violet. As a great preacher one day said, you know it is very strange that so and so was praying about a key that he had lost. The Preacher said, well, that's the way I pray. How large must a thing be before we pray about it.

Some children were playing hide the handkerchief and one little child tried to hide it under a certain cushion and the little boy said, please do not hide it there - that is father's kneeling place. Surely when he became a man, he never forgot that.

I think neglect and indifference are enemies of the spiritual life. Sometime ago a woman said, I don't feel just right about my religion. Well, it wasn't long before it was discovered what she meant. For years she had lived in the city and left her church membership elsewhere. She had neglected every Christian duty and responsibility - no wonder she felt badly about it.

How are you getting along. The Preacher said once to one of his members, well, I am getting along much better since I took your advice about coming to church and giving and serving as I should.



The housewife who neglects the little potted plants and flowers in the house and does not water them - it will not be long before they will wither up and die. And isn't it a tragic thing that all around our churches, there are people who were once active and happy Christians but are now entirely different to the claim of Christ. The result is they are almost dead spiritually. They are not happy in their religious life.

Disobedience is a great enemy. And David knew this very well. And Jesus said

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if you love me, you will keep my commandments. How can you build a great Christian life if you are not obedient. Don't you love him for having saved you. Then why not give him an obedient life. *our family & gives wife; we pass on the st. as strangers without a sign of recognition as ships on the sea at night* Profound Regret Complete Estrangement Between *Letter to Mrs Blanko, Dec 12, 1933* Maybe God is telling you something definite to do and you are refusing him. You

Judge not that you be not judged - Person who does criticizing is more miserable & hurt worse than one criticized

are saying some day I will serve God. Some day I will be faithful to the church. Some

day I will tithe. Now there is one other enemy that I would like to mention and that

is the unforgiving spirit, which is an enemy to a man's spiritual life. We love our

friends and we are to love our enemies. We are to love those who do us good and those

who do us harm. We are to try to pray for those who David here had the problem with

people who had even told lies about him. Now what did Jesus do? People told falsehoods

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about him. They called him names. They ridiculed him. They mocked him. They arrested

him. They put a crown of thorns upon him. They crucified him. And they said when

they put him on the cross, thank God, we are rid of him. Now what would you have done

and what would you have said. And yet he uttered not one bitter word or did he say I

am going to get revenge for these people. You cannot be happy if you have the wrong

attitude toward other people. A Christian simply cannot carry this kind of sin in his

heart and be happy.

What does a man do who knows he has been bitten by a poisonous snake. Well, he

begins to go to work to get that poison out of his system as quickly as possible. He

knows that it will kill him and he does something about it. What ought a man to do

that is beset by enemies of the physical and spiritual life. He knows that they will

destroy his usefulness and his happiness. He ought to go to work quickly and prayer-

fully and get them out. He should pray more, read his Bible more, go to church more,



## PASTOR'S Paragraphs

CALEB, at the age of 85, at the distribution of the Land of Canaan asked for the most difficult

land . . . HEBRON and the hill country where lived the fearful Anakim who had terrorized ten of the spies (Read Joshua 14:7-12).

So you think you are too old and you need to rest, then read this: At 80, Plato was still at work. Michelangelo remained productive until 90. Titain painted one of his masterpieces at 94, John Wesley was still preaching at 88. Ben Franklin's greatest contribution came after 70 when he was tormented by diseases. John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison remained busy long after 70. Noah Webster started yet another dictionary at 84. Verdi's greatest operas were composed in his last years. Grandma Moses, who, between the time she painted her first picture at the age of 76 and the time of her death at the age of 101, had to her credit over a thousand paintings. If you really want to be inspired go to the Church Library and check out the book, "DON'T PUT ON YOUR SLIPPERS YET" by Colenam Anderson.

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# Heart to Heart Talk



SEPTEMBER, 1969

## SOMEONE PRAYED

"Pray one for another. . . . The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16)

The day was long, the burden I had borne  
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,  
And then it lifted - but I did not know  
Someone had knelt in prayer.

Had taken me to God that very hour,  
And asked the easing of the load; and He,  
In infinite compassion, had stooped down  
And taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often as we pray  
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,  
The answer comes; but many times those hearts  
Find sudden peace and rest.

Someone had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,  
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!  
So many, many hearts have need of prayer -  
Oh, let us pray!

- Grace Noll Crowell

### DON'T MISS IT!

Friends listening to the Old Fashioned Revival Hour broadcast of SEPTEMBER 27 will hear an important announcement.



serve God better and follow the leading of David. For David knew that life was frequently in danger. But David had also come to realize that God was in charge and command of his life. Saul often tried to kill him in the court. I. Sam. 18:11.

David and Jonathan parted because of Saul's threats. I. Sam. 20:31,42.

I. Sam. 23 we are told how Saul pursued David in order to kill him.

In David's life his son Absalom rebelled against his father. He tried to slay him. And his father had to flee. And David sustained himself with the knowledge that the end of his life would not come by chance. That he was not living by fate.

But that even though he was plagued by these things, we come next to the heart of this text.

*"Many are afflictions of Righteous But Good Delivered me out of them and Balmist" - (wonderful - if you live good for God -)*

IV. His Time Is Committed To God's Hand.

*V. 15*  
God controlled the circumstances of life and David says our time, being in God's hands, it is the meaning of time as found in I. Chron. 29:30. It means that all the events of life with all the varied experiences that come upon us are directed and controlled by all mighty God. *Not Try to Step ahead of God or Behind God*

✓ We must therefore remind ourselves that the events of life do not come by chance. One of the best definitions to be found anywhere of the providences of God is given in the (Heidelberg Catechism). *→* The providence of God is the almighty, and everywhere present power of God whereby as it by his hand he still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures and so governs them ~~that~~ *SENDS* grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, rich and poverty, ~~that~~ *year* all things come not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Now this is something that David is making a concession too. And this is the thing that we have to recognize. My time is in thy hand. If we could learn this.

*Horton married 50 yrs. Today*

Now people think well what is the best time in life. Some of them think the youth - when a person is 17 years of age. That that is the best time in life. Well John

Milton was a hymn writer at age 17. D. L. Moody, the great evangelists was converted when he was 17. David Livingston was earning a living in a factory at the age of 14.

And when we come to think about those that were a little older, who have accomplished



James Black took a trip which he describes through the tulip fields of Holland.

As they walked among the beautiful beds divided by canals, they crossed by foot wide planks. Dr. Black said his party visited various beds of brilliant flowers and they crossed these little canals by narrow planks. Then when they came to a canal that was 12 feet wide they hesitated - the plank seemed too narrow but the owner of the field would not put a wider board. He blew his whistle and a man came and handed them a thin pole and it made it easier to cross the canal on a narrow plank. He said that he made a marvelous discovery. How easy you can cross the narrowest plank if you only have something to hold onto. Well, with all of life, with it's tensions, it's

Thou hast redeemed me - Oh Lord - Faithful God!

We can Read it:

Thou Hast Redeemed Me!

This means we can transport ourselves out of present distress into the coming redemption as if it were already behind us.

all can think of what we read at the end of the Bible, where it talks of No more Death - neither Mourning

nor crying nor pain - Rev. 21:4-6

As Children we use to see Hands at Herrington Remind me of -

Jesus' The Ch. like the Stepher / Hands say Do that !!  
(Open Door) or Her's " People

Teacher doing from - Noted reflect  
The Hand left then " " Boy not to  
her said give me your left hand. " give  
" His Right Hand

Let's Do it Together!

That's way would be - - " -

Not to make teacher great -  
But " " Christ " Story!  
+ give " " "



