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THE HOLY BIBLE
Please memorize this portion
Psalm 112:1-10

1. Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.
2. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.
3. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
5. A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.
6. Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
7. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.
8. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.
9. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
10. The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

GOD'S HAND IS UPON YOU FOR GOOD!



Hon. Editor-in-Chief, Rev. Angeline Selvakumari

... The hand of my God, which had been good upon me ... - Nehemiah 2:18

The concept of the hand of God is intriguing. In the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible, the phrase "hand of the Lord" appears 39 times, with 36 occurrences in the Old Testament and 3 in the New Testament. Additionally, the phrase "Hand of God" is found 16 times in the Bible, 7 times in the Old Testament, and 9 times in the New Testament.

The hand of God holds great significance not only in the times of the Old Testament but even today. Why is the hand of God so significant in our lives?

✿ Acts 7:50 states that He made all things **with his hand**.



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In light of the recent times, - (Christmas, New Year and Sunday School Annual Day Programmes) we organized gospel outreach meetings in various locations in and around Santhoshapuram, Balaji Nagar, Velachery and others. The response was truly inspiring, as God's presence touched the hearts of the people. We humbly request your continued prayers for our upcoming programs in the New Year.



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Pastor Sam with Team working for Accreditation from ATA

We are pleased to inform you that the process of obtaining accreditation from the **Asia Theological Association (ATA)** for our **Nehemiah Bible Colleges** is on progress. Your prayers for the successful completion of this process are greatly appreciated. Additionally, we are in need of theological books in Hindi for our **Nehemiah Bible College Library**. If you have access to such resources, we kindly ask for your support in this matter.

Looking back at the past year, some of our co-workers faced health challenges. Through the power of prayer, God graciously healed them, while others are still in need of ongoing support through your prayers.

As we move forward, we earnestly seek your continued prayers for the work we do. Please be assured that we hold you in our prayers as well.

With gratitude and blessings,

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- * Jabez was aware of this significance, which is why he said, "that Your hand would be with me." If only the hand of God is with us in every activity and in every area of our lives, it would make a remarkable difference. How many of us could say this?
- * **"My times are in Your hand"** - Psalm 31:15
- * **"We are God's handiwork.** (Psalm 138:8)
- * **"Our life breath is in His hand"** (Daniel 5:23).
- * **"The heavens declare the work of His hand."** (Psalm 19:1)
- * **"When you and I hold our hands together, putting my hand in God's hand will make a remarkable difference."**

Let us contemplate on some of the things the hand of God can do.

1. CREATING HANDS!

The hand of God is a Hand of creation. He can create things that do not exist. **He calls into existence the things that do not exist** - (Romans 4:17). His hand can create new things. He is the creator. Not only that, His hand can bring back dead things to life. When His hand touches things that are dead, lifeless or seemingly without a future, His hand can bring them back to life, revive them, and make them flourish. That is the power of His hand. When His hand touched the widow's son in Nain, he became alive. He not only brought her son back to life, but He also revived the dead situation in her life, restoring her hope, joy and faith.

Her very existence took on a new meaning as his touch bestowed a fresh purpose upon her life. As He walked over and

touched the coffin, the pallbearers stood still. Jesus Christ addressed the dead man, saying, **Young man, I say to thee, arise!** **Miraculously, the dead man sat up, began to talk, and Jesus restored him to his mother** (Luke 7:14,15).

As we are still in the early stages of this year, it's natural to feel uncertain about the challenges ahead. You might be facing a dead end and wondering if there's a way out or what to do next. Although it's only a month from now, current events may be causing concern about the remainder of the year. How am I going to handle it?

Dear friends, it's essential to allow God to breathe life into the **dead areas of your life**. Acknowledge that they are barren and unproductive, and then permit God to revive them. This process involves self-reflection and realization.

2. SATISFYING HAND!

PSALM 145:16

He openeth His hand, and satisfieth the desires of every living thing: (Psalm 145:16)

God's hand is a source of satisfaction. He delights in fulfilling the desires of His people. Psalm 145:19 states, **He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him.** Additionally, in Psalm 37:4, **God promises to grant the desires of our hearts.** Many times, when we read this verse, we expect God to fulfill every desire that arises in our hearts. However, we become disheartened when we don't receive what we want and then complain that God did not keep His word.

Dear friends, when we read this verse, we must understand that God is the one who satisfies us, but this is for those who fear Him. This is because the desires and wishes of those who fear Him will align with His own. When God led the Israelites from Egypt, they desired meat. I believe they were similar to me in their food preferences. I enjoy non-vegetarian cuisine, and it is challenging for me to have a meal without it. Despite the Israelites' dissatisfaction with the heavenly food, God fulfilled their desires. Similarly, God loves to satisfy us in every way possible, but this satisfaction is reserved for those who fear and delight in Him and commit their ways to the Lord. This is because there will be unity in their thoughts. The person who fears the Lord will always comprehend the mind and heart of God.

If you are content with your condition, you will witness the satisfying hand of God, powerful in your life.

3. UPHOLDING HANDS!

NO FEAR

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumbles, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand... (Psalm 37:23-24).

God's hand upholds the righteous when they stumble.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand ... For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear; I will help you. (Isaiah 41:10, 13)

I recall a time from my youth when I accompanied my father on a ministry trip to Nagercoil, in the southern part of India. On our way back home, we had to travel about 600 km and cross a bridge over the sea or a river

(I am not sure which). It was raining heavily, with thunder and a storm. As the bus traversed the bridge, I could feel it moving and the water raging high. I was so scared. Then, I felt a warm hand holding mine. It was my dad's. That was enough for me. His grip made me feel as if he was saying, "Fear not, I am with you. Nothing is going to touch you." My dad didn't have to say those words, but his hold was more than enough to make me feel secure and I didn't feel scared anymore.

Dear friends, when I read this verse, "the Lord upholds him with His hand," I am reminded that when the Lord upholds you and me with His powerful, mighty hands, we don't need to worry. Let us rest assured in knowing who is holding our hands. There will be peace that surpasses all understanding. That is the peace that Paul and Silas experienced, which made them sing with their hands and legs chained

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(Please take this sheet out, fold it and keep it in your Bible and pray continuously)



✠ PRAISE GOD FOR...

- February 19** ⇒ His mercy towards our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, and Great Commission Partners, and their families.
- February 20** ⇒ Blessing our **Echo of His Call YouTube Channel** to reach unreached multilingual people.
- February 21** ⇒ Blessing our **Echo of His Call Associate Editors** and their families.
- February 22** ⇒ Enabling us to conduct our **Nehemiah Bible College** student retreat on 26th January very effectively
- February 23** ⇒ Enabling us to print and publish our magazine in 16 languages in our printing press and send it to the mission fields.
- February 24** ⇒ The growth of our Bible Correspondence Course and Theological Correspondence Course.
- February 25** ⇒ The power in God's Word in our Sunday Services at the Main Church and branch Churches.
- February 26** ⇒ Blessing us with moral and financial support of our partners.
- February 27** ⇒ Protecting our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and family from all evil forces.
- February 28** ⇒ His blessings on our **St. Paul's Matriculation School, Nehemiah Bible College, and Bible Correspondence Courses.**
- February 29** ⇒ Meeting our needs in the previous month.
- March 01** ⇒ Safeguarding our **Echo of His Call Ministries** staff and their families.
- March 02** ⇒ Blessing the Church youth with enthusiasm to participate in all our Church activities.

- March 03** ⇒ Blessing our **St. Paul's Matriculation School's** Principal, Teachers, and other Staff members.

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- March 04** ⇒ All nations' unity and peace.
- March 05** ⇒ Good health of our Partners and State Co-ordinators.
- March 06** ⇒ Enabling us to spread the gospel into unreached places of India.
- March 07** ⇒ Rev. Johnny Hindi Senior faculty, **Nehemiah Bible College** for his speedy recovery from his illness.
- March 08** ⇒ Our Lord to meet all of our needs this month.
- March 09** ⇒ Praying for the good health of our English Associate Editor, Sis. Sajini Cherian.
- March 10** ⇒ Divine protection for all countries from new variants of Covid.
- March 11** ⇒ For the children and youth of the nations to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
- March 12** ⇒ The success of our Senior Pastor in writing his autobiography through Rev. Dr.K.R. Rajasekaran.
- March 13** ⇒ The aged people in the old age homes.
- March 14** ⇒ Protection for the world's children and youth from addiction to online games.
- March 15** ⇒ Our Associate Editors and their family members.
- March 16** ⇒ His blessings on all countries and their economic development.
- March 17** ⇒ The safety of our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family members from all sorts of evil forces.
- March 18** ⇒ The Divine protection of missionary workers all over the world.

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up, beaten and bruised, waiting for the inevitable. It is the same peace that the Hebrew brothers felt when they walked through the fire. As long as our hands are holding the mighty hands of God, we can walk anywhere. The Psalmist says, **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil** - Psalm 23:4. I pray that as you proceed through the rest of this year, God will give you the strength to face any situation, knowing that He is holding your hand.

You are not alone in this journey. You have someone who knows our yesterdays, our today and our tomorrows. Since He has already been in our tomorrows, we don't have to worry about what is going to happen. If He takes me, He will bring me out!

4. MIGHTY HANDS!

His hand is mighty – it either gives you victory by being on your side or it will fight against you.

Isaiah 19:16 says, **In that day the Egyptians will become weaklings. They will shudder with fear at the uplifted hand that the LORD Almighty raises against them.**

No one can stand against the hand of God! Make sure it is not against you! As long as the hand of God is on our side, we are safe, but if it is against us, we will become nothing.

WHEN DOES THE HAND OF GOD COME AGAINST US?

Acts 13:8-11 tells the story of Elymas the sorcerer who opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. Paul

said, **“Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun.” Immediately mist and darkness came over him.**

By His mighty hand, God judges the enemies of the Gospel.

When we oppose the work of the Lord, when we speak to stop the work of the Lord, the hand of God comes against us. Do not speak against God's people. Stop forwarding messages. Stop gossiping! Don't speak against God's work or the men of God. Let God deal with it.

Some of us are living in darkness because God has blinded our eyes, as we have been a stumbling block to the work of God. Let us reflect today, is there any way you have blocked, hindered? – it could be our actions, words, something we did or something we did not do – has it

hindered the work of God? Then we need to be careful because then the hand of God is against us.

If the hand of God is in favor of us, then it gives us victory **O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvelous things; His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.** Psalm 98:1, KJV.

Dear servants of God, Sometimes, the path may be lonely, long and arduous. Do you feel that the hard work you do is not appreciated? People might not see the scars on your back, but Jesus Christ went through the same path. He was rejected, criticized, mocked, discouraged and left alone. Remember that He who called you is faithful! He knows you and He fights for you. Be still! We have a God who fights all our battles. He knows nothing about defeat! Therefore, we will see

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PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

“Whoever reads, let him understand” (Matthew 24:15)

YOU SHALL RECEIVE A HUNDREDFOLD, AND SHALL INHERIT EVERLASTING LIFE!



Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might;... - Ecclesiastes 9:10
He who observes the wind will not sow, and
he who regards the clouds will not reap. - Ecclesiastes 11:4.

It has long been my desire to teach the profound truths of the Bible to people from all walks of life through Bible Correspondence Courses and Bible College. This desire was deeply rooted in my heart, growing and glowing for several years. However, I found myself helpless as I struggled to find a source of income or someone to join and guide me. During this time, my family and I were living in poverty, in great need, in a very small house without any facilities.

In the year 1980, I received a Gospel packet from an organization called INDIA BIBLE LITERATURE (IBL). Upon opening the packet, I discovered a few gospel tracts and a correspondence course books. As I perused these tracts and the correspondence course books, I became interested in utilizing the same course book to reach people in India in different languages. I promptly made my way to the office of India Bible Literature, located at Thousand Lights, Chennai-6, using my very old bicycle.

There, I met a young man named Mr. Velu, also known as Mr. Velayutham, who is now the Executive Director. Observing him as he meticulously packed and dispatched the correspondence course books, I was inspired to do something similar, alongside him.

Admiring him, I slowly approached the man and politely asked if he could provide me with some course books. He informed me that the price of each book was 50 paise (half a rupee). I shared with him that I was a man from a financially disadvantaged family, employed in a Government Department with a modest monthly salary. Upon hearing this, he generously offered me 10 books free of charge.

However, unsatisfied, I found myself peering through the window at the books inside the dispatch hall. It felt as though some of the books were calling out to me, almost as if they were personalized, urging me to take them and deliver their knowledge to someone I knew, as if they held great potential. I was unable to tear myself away from the place. Suddenly, another man approached and inquired, “Who are you? Why have you been wandering around and peering inside our office for so long?” I explained that I was a man of limited means with a strong desire to serve the Living God, Jesus Christ, and that I wished to purchase some correspondence course books. He instructed me to bring money to acquire them. With this in mind, I made the decision to sell my old bicycle, my sole possession.

I promptly proceeded to a nearby bicycle repair shop, where I sold my bicycle for 100 Rupees and purchased 200 correspondence course books. Having parted with my only means of transportation, I had to carry the books on my shoulders and head as I walked from the place known as Thousand Lights to my home, a distance of about 5 kilometers. Lacking experience in carrying such heavy loads, I soon grew tired and weary. At two points, the load slipped from my head and shoulders onto the road, leaving me feeling helpless. I overheard people mocking me as I struggled. Eventually, I made it home and began distributing the books with all my strength.

With the help of Late Bro. M. Paulraj, God enabled me to commence the “New Life – For You!” course, and subsequently, we established the Echo of His Call Evening Bible Colleges.

Yes, my dear friend, there was a time when I had to part with my old bicycle for the sake of the

Kingdom of God. It was a source of shame and viewed as an act of ignorance and foolishness by my family and friends. However, today, God has blessed me with cars and capable individuals to assist me.

Once, I had to personally carry Gospel Books on my shoulders and head. It was truly a painful and humiliating experience in my youth. But now, God has provided me with vans and mini buses to transport Gospel literature and staff members.

Dear friend, God has a unique plan for you and your future as well. You still have time. If you surrender anything to the Lord, you will be richly rewarded. You can take Jesus Christ as your role model and choose to invest something of importance to you in the ministry, with a Kingdom-focused mindset. There will be no end to God's blessings upon your life.

Remember,

**Only one life; It will soon be past;
What's done for Christ will last!**

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victory because our God is a mighty warrior who fights with a powerful hand.

5. SHAPING HAND!

Finally, the Hand of God is a Shaping hand. He is the potter, and we are the clay. He is the One who shapes us, sometimes by pruning, sometimes by refining along the edges and sometimes He may have to do things that are unpleasant so that we can be useful for our Master.

When God shapes us, it is not a comfortable experience. It hurts and makes us feel vulnerable. But it is during this time that we need to surrender to God's abundant wisdom and trust in Him. One thing we need to remember is that God knows best.

God allows circumstances and situations into our lives to shape us. He allows people to shape us too. Some people walk into our lives to teach us patience by being mean, annoying and piercing through their words. God allows some people into our lives to

develop our character. People come for a season to prune us and as soon as we achieve the target set by God, they will leave. Many times, we lament over people leaving us, leaving an everlasting scar. I have learned it the hard way. People come into our lives for a season. Some are for the first page only, some are for the first chapter only, and very few are intended throughout the story of our lives. So when God allows certain people to walk away from your lives, stay strong! God knows and there is a reason why!

We might, at times, feel the mighty hands of God, crushing us. It is not to destroy you but to shape you.

1 Peter 5:6, KJV says, **Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.** Let's see how mighty the hand of the Lord can be in our lives.

If we submit our lives, desires, dreams and stay put under the mighty hand of God, then all the above blessings will come to pass.

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We require approximately 1000 Hindi Christian books for our **Nehemiah Bible Colleges**. Kindly inform us about the possibility of obtaining theological Hindi books.

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