# THE HAND OF GOD

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**Topic:**
**THE HAND OF GOD**

**Bible Text: Joshua 4:24**

**Prayer**

In Jesus name, Our Everlasting Father we thank you for what you have been doing in our midst, be thou exalted in the name of Jesus, Father Lord as we are starting this evening, Father start with us in the name of Jesus, don't let us be the hearer but the doer of Your word in Jesus name, at the end of everything let us have the full cause to glorify your name, for in Jesus mighty name we have prayed.(Amen).

**Bible Text**

**Joshua 4:24**

That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

**Study**

There is something common in the present age which is the notion that unbelievers tend to make it in life more than believers (christians). This may look true but it isn't and it shouldn't be the foundation of the heart posture of any christian, as it can limit the potentials and creativity of any christian. This is one of the reasons this topic is necessary in the body of Christ to show to every christian that we have an higher advantage as Christians. We have an unction to dominate any sphere we find ourselves as long as we are ready to. We have all what it takes inside of us to rule in all areas of the world. The bible tells us to go and dominate everything in the world, so it's not a sin or a bad thing to see christians thriving in all the industries we have and changing things there. The major reason we ought to dominate these spheres is because *when the righteous rules, the people rejoice*. And, if we allow unbelievers rule us, they will lead by the flesh and enforce a lot of rules and regulations that are not biblical upon us, putting us in tight positions on which to attend. A perfect example is the mandating of corp members to put on trousers whether male or female.

If we have had a very genuine christian ruling at that period, such wouldn't have happened. And, structures would have been put in place to ensure the corp members do not go through trainings that might want to justify any

reason for females putting on trousers because God is strictly against them putting it on.

This is why we need to teach what the hand of God is and what it does over a person. Kindly follow as we delve deeper into the topic and may God grant us understanding in Jesus name, Amen.

We know that just as our God is a loving father, full of mercy, He is also a consuming fire. This means that God can show His loving side and can chastise anybody He loves. He can also serve as a consuming fire to His enemies. Such is His hand. When His hand comes upon a person/country, it either launches them into an extraordinary encounter or disciplines/consumes in such a way that such person/country will never forget.

**Joshua 4:24:**

"That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God forever."

This verse simply tells us about how mighty the hand of God is. When a person does not know how mighty God is, such a person won't know how mighty it can be. The verse says that the whole Earth might know and after that, fear the Lord. The fear is reverencing the Lord for the extraordinary things He can do. Let's quickly look at something.

Let's look at the two dimensions of the hand of God.

**Dimensions of the hand of God**

1. **The war/destruction/discipline dimension:** This dimension of God's hand is severe and with no mercy. It could be to destroy His enemies, to discipline and correct a particular people or to prove that He is God. An example is in the book of 1 Samuel.

**1 Sam 5:6-9:**

"But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof. And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god. They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about

unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about thither. And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts."

Please, be patient to go through the verses.

The last part shows what the hand of God did after they seized the ark of God from the Israelites. The hand smote the men of the city both small and great with a very great destruction. He smote them with EMERODS. Emerods are plagues that are swellings on the body. They are like sores on the body and both the small and the old had them on their body.

Despite how God's compassion on little children, His hand didn't spare any of the little ones in that city but they all partook in the incorrigible attitude their parents put on against the ark of God. The severe dimension of the hand of God has no respect for persons regardless of your position and title. This is why we shouldn't turn ourselves to God's enemies so that such hand won't be upon us.

2. **The good/extraordinary dimension of the hand of God:** Kai, this dimension of God's hand is what all Christians should always covet and believe they have it. This was the same hand that rested upon Elijah and his legs became more faster than that of chariots. Jabez knew the power that backs up the hand of God and he prayed a very powerful prayer.

**1 Chronicles 4:10:**

"And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested."

One thing many lack these days is "asking what they want specifically". We mostly beat around the bush and ask things that are not aligned to His will. This is why we do not mostly have our prayers answered, because we ask amiss. Jabez narrowed his prayer to what he wanted and he ASKED and God granted him what he requested. He didn't beat around the bush but was direct.

**Another thing this dimension of the hand of God does is that it commands wisdom and understanding upon a person.**

**Ezra 8:18:**

"And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen;"

When the hand is upon a person, the person receives extraordinary wisdom and understanding with widened knowledge. This is why we have a greater advantage as Christians because God's hand is upon us. But, many do not utilize it. We have the wisdom of God in us and we can venture into science and invent one of the greatest things that have ever been created. But, due to ignorance, many find it hard to harness this attribute.

We, as Christians are to be leading in all sectors because we have a being that knows all things inside of us and the bible says that we know ALL THINGS.

**Another thing this hand of God does is that it attracts favour.**

**Nehemiah 2:8:**

"And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me."

When this dimension of God's hand is upon a man, even kings favor him. You don't need to beg for favor from people, you just need to humble yourself before God and you will find favor in the sight of men and kings.

**This dimension of God's hand also speeds up one's journey and makes it faster**. No matter how slow your generation has been, if the hand of God comes upon you, you will run faster than anyone has ever done in your lineage because there is something extraordinary upon you. You are not just doing it by your strength but by the power of God upon you.

**Another thing the hand does is to strengthen.**

**Ezra 7:28:**

"And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me."

The reason you are still complaining as a Christian is because you have not yet believed that His hand is upon you. When you catch the revelation that God's hand is mighty upon you, you will key into the strength in you and do better than you have been doing. The problem is not the strength, but the inability to find or utilize the strength. Hear this, if a person is locked in a room even with the key to the door beside him, if such does not know how to use the key to open the door, it will keep looking as though he needs a key. But, what he needs is not a key because he already has it. All he needs is knowledge to know how to use the key. That is exactly the stage many christians are at the moment. Knowledge, knowledge, knowledge!!

I have just highlighted little out of what the dimensions of the hand of God does to a person or country. Let's now look at how to utilize the hand of God upon you as a Christian.

1. **First belief:** Many christians do not even believe they have the hand of God and its power upon them.

**Acts 1:8:**

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

And, when a person does not believe that he has something, how will he be able to put it to use? It's not possible. The first thing is to believe the hand of God is upon you as a Christian. Let it be strong in your heart that you truly believe, not just muttering it with your mouth, yet in your heart you do not believe.

2. **Humble yourself:**

**1 Peter 5:6:**

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"

One thing you should understand is that God does not raise proud people. If He does, He wouldn't have sent Lucifer down from heaven, He would have retained him despite his proud behaviour. But, God does not nurture proud people. So, you should be able to humble yourself after knowing that His hand is upon you. Humility is one of the greatest keys in accessing the extraordinary dimensions of God. A proud person will never touch some

dimensions in God because God resists the proud but gives much grace to the humble.

Kai, humble yourself!

3. **Seek God:**

**Ezr 8:22:**

"For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him."

No one seeks God and is hungry for Him and He does not do extraordinary things in his/her life. When you seek God, His hand shows mightily upon you. It will become so evident that people will know and see it in you. It will be indisputable because it will be so evident.

The bible says **"seek me and ye shall find me"**. It's because you are not seeking the Lord that's why you find it difficult to do things. You seek God by intensifying your relationship with Him. You seek Him by moving closer to Him and making what He likes your priorities too. Before the Hand of God came upon Elijah that he outran the chariot of Ahab, He was on the Mountain seeking God in several ways. He prayed earnestly for 7 times before he came down and gave information to the king. Then, the hand of God rested on him.

The reason you have not found purpose is because you have not found God and the reason you have not found God is because you didn't seek Him.

When you follow these three things I have mentioned, the hand of God will be so evident upon you and known to all men. The hand of God is mighty upon us all in Jesus name, amen.

## Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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