

The Wednesday Word, April 10, 2019: The Open Hands of Jesus

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing (Psalm 145:16)

What a powerful verse! Christ's hands are opened for the daily supply of our needs. An opened hand signifies favour, a closed one, the reverse. So, here's the truth of the matter, the opened hands of Jesus give all manner of good things to His people. May we continually believe and enjoy this excellent truth.

Think of the times His hands were used for blessing. Here are but a few.

Matthew 14:31, Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him,...

Matthew 8:3, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Mark 1:41, Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him.

Luke 5:13, And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed."

As our great High Priest, the Lord Christ has all the blessings His people shall ever require, and liberally showers them upon us (Ezekiel 34:26).

As the Hymn writer said,
"There shall be showers of blessing:
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Saviour above."

God is the abundant giver. He gives freely, liberally and without rebuke. He is not in the business of putting us down. He is the Master of encouragement not discouragement. He knows our weakness. He knows our needs and He supplies.

Yes indeed, God is the abundant giver.
He gave Forgiveness;
He gave the New Birth;
He gave Sanctification;
He gave Life;
He gave Eternal Life;
He gave Victory over the grave;
He gave Adoption;
He gave an Everlasting Inheritance;

He gave us all when He gave us Jesus.

God can give us no greater gift than that of Himself and that gift came to us in Christ. Christ is, therefore, the divine treasure house in which the unsearchable riches of Yahweh are stored for His people (Ephesians 3:8). All the abounding grace, all the precious promises and all our royal privileges are treasured up in Him. "For it pleased the Father, that in him should all fulness dwell" (Colossians 1:19).

He is the Giver. His hand is so large, that it contains all things we can possibly need. Like water in a desert oasis, everything that grace touches flourishes.

"His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again."

We read, "You open your hand, they are filled with good;" (Psalm 104:28)
That's generous grace!

He says, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it" (Psalm 81:10)
That's generous grace!

"To him that has, more shall be given" (Matthew 13:12).
That's generous grace!

We see instances in the Word of God of people desiring too little. There was a man who was told to shoot arrows, but he stopped too soon, and lost part of the blessing (2 Kings 13:18). May we never be like that. Jesus' hands are giving and filled with blessings for His people. May we never cease to believe that.

If I can borrow a military term, Jesus is our Commissar. We, His army, are feeble and faint in ourselves, but with Jesus as our Provider we will certainly prevail and overcome.

Lastly, the hands of Jesus are open to crown His people. Think about it, hands are needed to perform a coronation. At present, those hands are crowning us with "loving kindness and tender mercies" (Psalm 103:4) and soon will place the crown of glory, life and righteousness upon our heads (1 Peter 5:4; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; James 1:12; Revelation 2:10).

He will soon be back.

And that's the Gospel Truth!