

2020/05/03 In The Father's Hand

Greetings and Announcements:

Birthdays:

April 28, Geordie McMain

May 4, Jack Ulmer

May 17, Maya Tittle

May 29, Nick Dahlman

Bible Study:

May 7 at 7:30 (connecting with Zoom, to join group please contact Tim Taylor)

Study is – The Law

Communion: (Please have your bread and juice ready.)

Title: In The Father's Hand

Series: Covid-19...8

Text: John 10:1 - 30

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Introduction:

If my count is accurate this is our 7th Sunday sharing Bible devotions by electronic media. Almost two full months since we were able to gather together.

A special thankyou to those who have been able to join us on Zoom; regrettably at least one family who was using their phone to connect have had to drop out because the phone acquired a virus (not covid-19) through Zoom. I understand that has been an issue and Zoom is trying to correct that weakness.

Here is a quick review of the last few weeks: (All are available on the Church Website)

March 22 – Fear, Presumption and Faith

March 29 – Prayer Summit

April 5 – Where Is God In This?

April 10, Good Friday – Victory Through A Lamb

April 12 – Jesus, I Am The Resurrection

April 19 – Burdens

April 26 – Anxious About Nothing

If you have your Bible with you let us read John 10:1 – 30.

There is a lot of meat in this portion of Scripture, all worthy of our attention, but our focus today is on verses 22 to 30.

I own a guitar, in my hands it is a fine crafted instrument...but I have a few friends in whose hands that instrument begins to sing! The hands that hold it make the difference. I enjoy music but I am not musically gifted.

Psalm 139 teaches in verse 14, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, my soul knows it very well."

That is true of every individual; but when I tried to plan and lead my own life things did not go so well. My life was in my own hands but I came to the place where I realized I need hands more skillful than mine. That is when I repented and invited Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior. Now I dwell in his hands. Permit to elaborate!

1. Hands Of The Father:

- 1.1) Declaration of the Father through the Holy Spirit!
John 10:29, "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."
- 1.2) John 6:37, "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out."

2. Hands Of The Son:

- 2.1) John 10:27 – 28, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."
- 2.2) John 17:20 – 21, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also maybe in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

3. Hands Lifted Me Out Of The Mire:

- 3.1) Psalm 40:2, "He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure."
- 3.2) Matthew 4:17, "From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

4. Hands Lifted Me Out Of Danger:

- 4.1) Matthew 14:22 – 31 (vs. 31), "Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

5. Hands Lift My Head:

- 5.1) Psalm 3:3, "But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head."

Conclusion:

Psalm 23,

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies,
You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.