My times are in Your hand

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Psalm 31:15

Is not this truth a joy to you, my soul?

It would be a sorry thing for me if my times were in my own hands—and it would afford me little satisfaction if my times were in an angel's hands. How restful should I be in knowing that they are in Savior's nail-pierced hands! He sees the end from the beginning.

He knows how to apportion my sorrows and my joys.

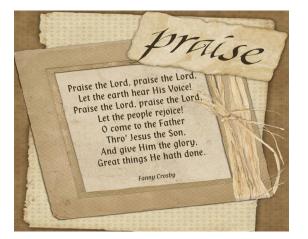
He knows what to give-and what to withhold.

He knows also when to give-and when to take away.

But, alas! how often is my heart mistrustful—how often have I murmured under the trying dispensations of His providence! O my soul, be ashamed and confounded—be humbled in the dust that you should ever call in question the wisdom or kindness of the dealings of Him who so loved you as to give His life for your redemption!

Help me, O God of my salvation, henceforth, with childlike confidence and peaceful trust—to yield all to You, and to rejoice in the assurance that "My times are in Your hand!"

"My times are in Your hand; Why should I doubt or fear? My Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear!"



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Our Prayer Lis

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

'A Thought From Our Pastor.'

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;"1 Peter 5:2

All Blessings Belongs to God.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." Ephesians 1:3 - 6

People throughout the history of the New Testament have obliterated the Truth of God, turning it into a lie just as God said they would. "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." Romans 1:25 Their goal is Satan's goal, to make God irrelevant in in everything, and especially salvation and making salvation entirely the plan and work of sinful man. However, when the truth is revealed, salvation is the work of God and not sinful men. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (13) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12, 13 It is impossible for salvation to be both of God and man, because it is a gift of God and not the work of sinful man. We must remember that sinful man are at enmity with God, which means man in their natural state hate God and will forever reject the salvation offered by God. Therefore, as churches and ministers of the Gospel message we must ask ourselves, "Who hath believed our report?" and we also must have the same answer as the Prophet "to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?" Isaiah 53:1 This very question was quoted two times in the New Testament by Paul in Romans 10:6 and by John in John 12:38 "That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?" The answer remains the same, "to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed." This is only accomplished by the omnipotence or power of God. The Prophet Isaiah wrote about this in Isaiah 65:1 "I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name." So, if the Lord does not seek us and calls us by His grace then we will never come. Listen to Isaiah in verse two, "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;".

To lost and sinful people all that matters is self, they cannot accept the very God they hate by nature. It is not hard to understand why the world of religion is so rebellious toward God's Sovereignty, they reject and deny Him. Just the very thought that God is Sovereign over people destroys their ego and pride. They do not by nature call on God for salvation, when they pray in their churches for God to save sinners, they are being hypocritical, because they do not believe God saves sinners. Salvation to them is by decision, choice, or works, God has nothing to do with it, because they have changed the Truth into a lie to make God irrelevant in salvation. Listen to the Apostle Paul speaking of these people, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14 That is that God in sovereignty saves sinners, that man cannot on their own make decisions and choices, and that being born again you have eternal life. They simply cannot believe God and what He says in His word, so they make God out to be the liar when they themselves are the liars. It is impossible for us to change their hearts. We cannot convince lost souls of any of these things unless they are enlightened by His Holy Spirit. As Christians, we must stand and praise God from the highest mountain-top to the lowest of valleys, for God's blessings not only in salvation but in every step of our life. When our hearts are right in God, then we understand that we are what we are by God's rich grace. All blessings are to God because it is He that hath blessed us.

Church information and Happenings

• Missionary Dan Sullivan is having eye surgery here in the USA.

Pearls For Thought.

- Sin is a leprous spot. It makes everything we touch unclean! - Thomas Watson
- God's all-seeing presence is a preservative against sin and a means to make you watchful over all your ways and actions.
 Thomas Gouge