

"Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth." Psalms 31:5 KJV

When we think of the hands of God, we often think of the hands scarred by the cruel nails of Calvary, but let me remind you; those same hands healed lepers, brought sight to the blind, straightened crippled limbs, and raised the dead. Those hands fought death and hell and returned from the grave securing eternal victory for all who call upon the name of the Lord! While we are ever ready to commit our eternal souls to the Almighty's safekeeping, we are not so quick to trust His power in daily life. God is most certainly the only one capable of handling impossible emergencies for His name is the first invoked in life threatening situations. The wounded warrior under enemy fire, the wreckage trapped accident victim, the just bereaved, and the jilted lover all cry to the only Deliverer of souls, God! We go our own way, bring ourselves into inextricable crisis and only then do we seek God. He is the deliverer of last resort! He is seldom sought first and even fewer seek the blessings of His constant care and protection for the obedient. If we truly trust that God can preserve and keep our souls for eternity then our sojourn in the realm of time should be a moot point, but it isn't. Like Peter walking on the water, we're ready to step over the gunwale onto the unseen support of faith, but as soon as circumstances become boisterous and our footing becomes tempest tossed, we immediately lose the focus that has kept us doing the impossible to that point. The flicker of faith's candlestick is best seen against the darkness, but if you can't trust God in the tempest, you don't really trust Him at all! His ear is open to your faintest cry and His hand is ever ready to save. It matters little if you're injured, sick, or dying from your circumstances; His touch will instantly make you *"perfectly whole"* or carry you directly into his eternal presence! The believer's *"life is hid with Christ in God."* His provision will consistently meet your need. You need but trust and obey. *"Seek ye first, the kingdom of God and His righteousness and ALL these things shall be added unto you."* Believe and trust. You have His Word on it!



Into Thine hand I commit my life,
Trusting Thy grace to protect from strife,
In life's paths, if I follow Thy grace,
Twill surely bring me before Thy face! ~CGP

Perhaps the reason we fret in the storm is because we have forgotten whose hand is on the tiller and whose power commands the wind and the waves, *"Peace! Be Still!"* We stray from the path of righteousness into the darkness of sin because we forget the great love and sacrifice that secures our protection and guarantees our provision. We are snared by the fowler, attacked by the roaring lion, and instead of returning to the protection of our Lord's commands we follow human reason and become bitter and more entangled. *"The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever."* You have no confidence in God's Word, because you walk in sin's darkness. *"Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil, but if we walk in the light as He is in the light...the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL sin!"*

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:14-15 KJV