

**TELECAST SERMON FOR
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"TAKE MY HAND"
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Thank you Melvin,

We have all won victories in one way or another. Yes viewers, we should praise and thank God for them. However, many tend to seek the Lord only in time of need.

We forget the greater picture, which is, our responsibility, "to serve and please God." We fail in this endeavor, because as humans, we tend to regard the Lord only in terms of how He can serve and please us.

At some point in time, we reversed the role of God and man. Therefore, one step towards rectifying the existing situation is to make the reading of God's Word an important and major part of our lives.

After all, His Word is a lamp unto our feet, and His Word is forever settled in heaven. I pray, viewers, my sermon, "**TAKE MY HAND**," will serve its purpose and draw you closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and bring to memory, our obligations to Him.

Taking the hand is expressive of fellowship and helpfulness. It gives a warm feeling to the heart when taken seriously because you have experienced the sensation of being received. Can you think of a better place to be well-received than in a Spiritual assembly of the Saints of God?

We are told in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together there in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Jesus is always the focus of attention when the children of God are gathered in unity and harmony. Many who are not yet saved wonder at the Christian's attention to Jesus.

Well, in John The Divine's vision of God's throne, Elders and living creatures were worshipping the creator, and they said, as we find in Revelations 4:11, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

So, the Spiritual assembly is a body of worshippers charged to observe all things commanded by Jesus and experience the divine presence of an inseparable Christ. Brother Luke gives us an account of Cleopas and another on the way to Emmaus when the risen Christ joined their company.

Luke 24:15 tells us, "And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them."

We can readily understand from this scripture that in the communion of the Saints, fellowship with Christ Jesus is encouraged.

I can remember, as a young child, my parents advising me to be careful of how I chose my friends. They always told me that you become like your friends. I believe the saying goes something like this, "Show me your friends and I'll tell you what you are."

Brother Paul admonishes us in Philippians 1:3-5, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."

Good Christian fellowship has an inward fire that is based on spiritual talk and fellowship with Christ Jesus.

Again, in Luke chapter 24 verse 32, we read, "And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us by the scriptures?"

That inward fire comes from the direct communication which we have with our Lord, as well as with one another, as we serve the Lord. We have a divinely faithful God who did call us into this fellowship.

As we care for one another and the work of the Lord, the Lord will honor us with His friendship by putting us first.

When Jesus reveals all the things concerning himself in the scriptures, he is promoting a special relationship that can and will lead to a real, wonderful, and permanent fellowship.

Truly, we can say, the best friend to have is Jesus. He leaves his impression upon your life.

Acts 4:13 tells us, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Peter and John were Galileans, a simple people, who were easily betrayed by their misuse of their own language. In spite of this, the Apostle's fearlessness stood the test of the moment, and thru the power of the Holy Spirit, they were made bold, to stand for the truth that had been taught to them by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Boldness is an important ingredient in fellowship for it helps in disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God." Those who believe are called to fellowship with Christ Jesus.

Look at 1st John 1:3-4, and it says, "That which we have seen and heard declare me unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write me unto you, that your joy may be full."

The joy that we experience is given to us by our Lord and "the joy of the Lord is our strength." Each and every true born-again Christian has a testimony of the Lord. One of the special marks of a true testimony is that it becomes irrefutable.

Read Acts 4:20, and it says, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

Personal experience is the special mark of King David's true testimony as he speaks in Psalm 66:16, "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul."

Today, TAKE MY HAND, is Jesus extending his hand in fellowship.

Yes, viewers, the condition of fellowship with Christ Jesus is dependent upon your receptivity of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. It is not based on your understanding it, but rather you believing it and doing something about it.

Nicodemus, a man of the Pharisees, a ruler of the Jews, a God-fearing person who paid his tithes and obeyed the status and judgments of the Lord, did something about it by approaching Jesus, inquiring of Him how to be born again.

John 3:5 tells us, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

Jesus is the Author of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and He used the word, "except," in this scriptural passage, which means that we must accomplish His will His way or else everything performed will be null and void. "Born of water and of the Spirit" means first water baptism then Spirit baptism.

Now, it behoves all men everywhere to obey our Lord, for when Jesus says you cannot enter into the kingdom of God, the reason will be more than evident that you did not do it the Lord's way.

In His prayer, found in John 17:20, Jesus said, "Neither pray I for these alone (that is his Apostles), but for them also (all of us) which shall believe on me through their word;" (that is the Word that was taught to the Apostles by Jesus himself.)

Ask yourself, "Does Jesus care?" Of course, He cares and so much so, that he is pleading with the whole world to "Take My Hand." The continuity of the Word of God both in word and deed is easily comprehended.

Boldly, thru the power of the Holy Spirit, on the Day of Pentecost, the keys to the Gospel of the Kingdom of God were used, as Acts 2:38 tells us, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one

of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Here we have the Apostle Peter declaring the same things that Jesus taught while on His earthly ministry.

Repentance, which is called for, is a Godly sorrow for sin. This is reflected by the convert having an attitude change in regards to sin and self. The Phrase, "be baptized every one of you," not only shows us that baptism is mandatory but also does not exclude anyone.

In this reference, we see that the name of Jesus Christ is the new name to be used in the baptism ceremony. Baptism is a type of death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Death in that we give up our own life style. Burial in that we are buried in the death of Jesus. Resurrection in that as Jesus was raised from the grave and ascended into heaven, we to are resurrected from our watery grave (baptism) into a new life in Christ Jesus.

What this all means is that baptism is not performed by sprinkling or pouring water over the top of a convert's head. Baptism means to dip, plunge, or immerse, so the convert must be completely submerged in the water to be correctly baptized.

1st Peter 3:21 says, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

In other words, because baptism is what it represents, the convert is demonstrating his faith through obedience to God's will and experience a good conscience, knowing that he has pleased God.

Jesus paid the price of free salvation for you and me, and thus, it is His blood, which has never lost its power, and that will eradicate sin. What God forgives He truly forgets.

The gift of the Holy Ghost is manifested by speaking in the unknown tongue. He is the mind of Christ in you, the hope of glory (your passport to heaven). Of all the gifts a man can receive in his life, this is the most precious of them all.

We live in a fast time with many delusions in and about us, and therefore, we need the Holy Spirit to lead us in a life above sin that we might hear the call, "Come up hither," When Jesus returns to rapture His very own.

Many people profess to be saved. Listen to Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

No minister, priest, friend, or relative can save you. Salvation is of the Lord and must be accomplished, according to the known will of the Lord. If you choose today to be rescued by heeding God's call to "Take My Hand," then your choice will include the name of Jesus in everything, I repeat, everything that you do in word or deed.

Many who are in need of the helping hand of God in their lives, don't even know that the Gospel is the good news that Jesus saves from sin and death; Jesus heals the sick and afflicted body; Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with fire (your passport to heaven); and Jesus is coming soon, and a lot sooner than many people think.

The all-important question that should be uppermost in your heart and mind is, "Am I ready to meet my Saviour in the sky if he were to suddenly appear?" If not, why not?

Jesus authored this salvation plan; it has not changed for almost 2,000 years. In Hebrews 13:8, we are told, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever."

There are many doctrines in the world today and only one was taught by the revelation of Jesus Christ. In Brother Paul's stewardship of the Gospel, he declares in Galatians 1:12, to the church, "For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

You might ask, "What is it exactly that was revealed to Paul?" While addressing Christian unity, he told the church, as we read in Ephesians 4:4-6, "There is one body (we who have taken on the name of Jesus to form that Spiritual body of Christ), and one Spirit (God is the Spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth),

even as ye are called in one hope of your calling (we who have a lively hope in Christ Jesus who overcame death, hell and the grave). One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

What should we do? The whole Christianity is completely divided today. They have all kinds of formulas for their salvation. The confusion is greater than the ability of man to comprehend. God's Word teaches us in 2 Corinthians 4:3 thusly, "But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost".

Our God is merciful and compassionate and His call to the world is to TAKE MY HAND and come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. God is not a God of confusion. We read Romans 3:4, "God forbid: yea, let God be true and every man a liar: as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

Thus, sprinkling or pouring does not accommodate the definition of baptize, and neither does it agree in the typology of our Lord's death, burial, and resurrection. Take special note of the fact that the word "name" is used, and it is in the singular form.

This tells us that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is the only name to be utilized for baptism. Obedience to this point will give you two wonderful promises: the remission of sins,

which is, what God forgives He forgets; and the gift of the Holy Ghost, the mind of Christ in you, directing your life above sin that you might endure unto the end and be saved.

People often question the importance of the name of Jesus in salvation. Acts 4:12 says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Simply put, viewers, without the name of Jesus you can't be saved.

Let's read and analyze The Great Commission, which is found in Matthew 28:18-19, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Today, all of Christendom is divided on baptism. It seems that most of the churches use this text as their baptism formula. The Great Commission was given by our Lord Jesus Christ, to His Apostles, so that they would be empowered by him, to carry on the Gospel work in his physical absence. To negate any power that Jesus has in His possession is to deny the power of the mighty God.

Isaiah 9:6 tells us that "his name shall be called "...The mighty God, The everlasting Father."

Isaiah 42:8 says, "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

Jesus said in John 10:38, "I and my Father are one." Furthermore, Isaiah 43:11 says, "I, even I am the Lord; and beside me there is no Saviour."

On the day of Pentecost, Peter said, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Our God is not a God of confusion. From Genesis to Revelation, we have a complete story of the Self-Revealing-God.

So, according to the scriptures, you must believe that Jesus is God and Saviour personified. The phrase, "baptizing them," tells us that baptism is an essential part of our salvation. The phrase, "in the name," is in the singular form and therefore means that there is only one name that will be used for salvation.

"Of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," are phrases used in reference to the one name to be utilized, and these phrases are not names in themselves, but titles of our God in His three manifestations.

In other words, Father is the title of God in the creation; Son is the title of God personified (in the flesh) and the Holy ghost is the title of God as the Holy Spirit in regeneration (the preparing of man's heart to be God's dwelling place.)

By now, you've probably noticed that there is no mention of repentance (a Godly sorrow for sin), neither is there a name mentioned (a new name that must be used by the bride);

there is no mention of remission of sins (what God forgives, He forgets), and finally, there is no mention of the gift of the Holy Ghost (the mind of Christ in us, leading, us in a life above sin, that we may be saved and inherit eternity).

By the authority of the Word of God, it is more than evident that Matthew 28:18-19 is not wrong, but when applied in baptism, then it is wrongfully used. A very wise and dear friend of mine, who has gone home to be with the Lord, once advised me to preach in such a way as to have a smattering of the truth, so that there would be something for everyone.

To obey means to follow the commands or guidance of our Lord Jesus; after all, He is the Author and Finisher of our faith. Spiritual knowledge can be attained, if you will use the key found in John 7:17, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."

God's Word does admonish us not to be deceived with vain words and fancy language of men because His wrath is going to fall upon all who are disobedient.

The Bible has many accounts of men who obeyed God. Noah was such a man as Genesis 6:22 tells us, "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." For many long years Noah went about building the Ark. Then the Lord told him to load-up.

When the rains came without ceasing and the waters started to flood the land, all the people who mocked and scoffed him earlier, started to realize the error of their ways, but they were all too late. Thus, Noah and his family, a total of eight people, were saved for a new beginning.

Our greatest example of obedience is Christ Jesus. We read Hebrews 5:8, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."

Just imagine, if Jesus did not obey all the way to the cross, today, we would be most miserable not having a way of escaping this lost and dying world.

You see, back in the very beginning, when Adam and Eve walked this earth, they had it made. Oh, yes! Everything God created was good. However, because man disobeyed, sin became a part of his life.

Romans 5:19 says, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

Jesus is preached so that you can reform your life. The imperative duty of life is declared by the Apostles in Acts 5:29, "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

The time that we live in is fast, uncertain, and full of seduction. The choices that we must make are a matter of life and death.

Choosing to follow Jesus all the way is the best choice one can make. This choice allows us to be a living sacrifice unto our God. Listen to Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Brother Paul is actually telling us that because God is merciful and compassionate, we should so devote our total being to the Christian ethic, as a reasonable service, and thus be holy and acceptable unto God.

He goes on further to remind us of God's transforming power, which will take us farther away from the worldly ways, and cause us to prove for our own selves the will of God, which is good, acceptable, and perfect.

Following Jesus requires commitment on our behalf. In other words, we are allowing ourselves to be entrusted with God's statutes and judgments. Brother Paul informed the Philippian Church thusly in Philippians 2:12, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

The Godly fear that we should possess is the care, awe, and respect for our God, that we not offend Him. The trembling is that involuntary physical shake that we experience because we know of God's righteousness and justice.

Salvation is an individual matter. It is strictly between the individual and God. The happy state of the Godly comes from having committed their way unto the Lord.

King David's Psalm 37:5 tells us, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him: and he shall bring it to pass." Serving the Lord with commitment requires that our service be accomplished heartily. Psalm 119:2 says, "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."

I heard of a notice that was posted on a work place bulletin board that read: "The management regrets that it has come to their attention that workers dying on the job are failing to fall down. This practice must stop, as it becomes impossible to distinguish between death and the natural movement on the staff. Any employee found dead in a upright position will be dropped from the payroll."

Situations like this can parallel our work for the Lord. We often, like hollow people, go through the motions of obedience without any realism of a heart-felt involvement. This might not be

easily noticed at first, but sooner or later, the business as usual appearance will be discovered as a lacking of enthusiasm for serving the Lord God.

According to the scripture, we can receive the benefits of happiness only if we remain charged-up in our desire to please the Lord. This scripture is a part of a prayer that expresses the desire of one who didn't want to settle for a casual religious experience.

He longed for a total commitment to what God loves and hates as found in the law. Furthermore, he sensed that to carry out God's work in the world, he would have to give his whole heart, mind, and strength to the task.

Without a doubt, it's still true today. We will never accomplish anything for the lord by shuffling our way through the motions of faith, knowledge, and love. Our wills must be set against our sinful nature and the current of the world. But this can't happen if our service is hardly done heartily.

Therefore, daily we must Take His Hand, and ask the Lord to help us to be true-hearted and whole-hearted so that we might glorify an all glorious Saviour. Only the Lord, with His great power, can reign over your wills and affections victoriously. With the Lord's help, we can be freely surrendered and wholly, the Lord's very own.

A thought that you can keep in mind is, be holy for the Lord, our God, and He will be wholly for you.

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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