

Remembering what Jesus Did for Us (2)

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[0 : 00] We saw that the hands of Jesus were powerful hands, but they're also protective hands, because Jesus is covering us and watching over us all the time.

As we've sat at the table here today, Jesus is saying to us as we rise up, you come with me. This is a very threatening world that we live in, and very often the Christian feels vulnerable, feels afraid, because they wonder what's going to happen.

But Jesus says, you come with me. Will you put your hand in my hand? Because I know the way I've been before. You don't. And that's why it's so important that we walk with our hand in the hand of Jesus.

Jesus says, when someone comes to your door and you're inviting somebody in, you put out your hand and you welcome the person in. And there's a beautiful picture given to us in the book of Acts of the Apostles, when Stephen has been stoned.

And Stephen is given a vision, or he's given a sight of heaven. And he says that he saw Jesus standing. And a lot of people believe that Jesus was standing in order to welcome Stephen home.

[1 : 27] It's a beautiful thought. And Jesus does welcome all his people home with the words, well done, good and faithful servant. So that the hand that is outstretched, the hand that has been outstretched to save, the hand that is outstretched to protect, the hand that is outstretched to lead you home, is also the hand that will welcome you home.

When our wedding takes place, we use the expression about giving a hand in marriage, giving one's hand in marriage. And in our sense, that is exactly what the Father has done with his Son, because he has given his Son a bride.

And we, the Church, are his bride. And there's a beautiful picture told us in Glory, of how there is the fulfillment of all that has happened in this world.

We will remain the bride of Christ until we're in heaven. But there's going to come a day in heaven where it's going to change, because we're told that we become the Lamb's wife.

And it talks about the marriage supper of the Lamb. And again, we have to think of the hand, that we have been given by the Father, given the hand in marriage.

[2 : 52] It's an amazing privilege and an amazing thought. But today, as the bride of Christ, we will one day live with him forever and ever and ever.

And we will become intimately one with him. It's a picture that often we try and get our minds to think of, but it goes beyond us.

But one day, it will be with him. Before we sing, I want to thank the young people who have come in from the Sunday school for being so good and so attentive.

You know, it's a wonderful thing to watch. Some of you are younger and smaller than I was when I ever saw. I don't know what age I was when I first saw the Lord's Supper and people drinking the wine and eating the bread.

When I was young, I always wanted to see into the cup just to see how red the wine was. Of course, we know that the wine is speaking of the blood of Jesus Christ.

[4 : 01] And I hope it won't be too long until some of you will be able to take your place here. And you will be able to take your place here if you've trusted. Now, I would love to think some of you already have and put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's the most wonderful thing that you can do is to come and show people God's love to you in Jesus. And that's what you do when you come to his temple.

We're going to conclude singing in Psalm 72. Psalm 72. And it's from the middle of verse 16. It's on page 314.

The city shall be flourishing. Her citizens abound in number shall like to the grass that grows upon the ground. His name forever shall endure, last like the sun it shall.

Men shall be blessed in him and blessed. All nations shall uncalled. To the end of Psalm 72. The city shall be flourishing. The city shall be flourishing.

[5 : 12] Our citizens abound. In number shall lie to the grass.

That grows upon the ground. His name forever shall endure, last like the sun it shall.

Men shall be blessed, In him and blessed. All nations shall him call.

Now blessed be the Lord our God, The Lord of Israel.

For he alone God's wondrous works, In glory I excel.

[6 : 42] And blessed be his glorious name, To all eternity.

The whole earth let his glory fill.

Amen. So let it be. Now may the grace, Mercy and peace of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Rest and abide upon each one of you, Now and forevermore.

Amen. Only ■i mi Jesus. Amen. ■■■■ Although be with God, and forever maybe God. Emwide, wait a long time for me, In moments from the peace and peace, for my life.

From that peace, to the peace, Thank you. Bye now. Good morning. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Amen.