

OUR HANDS ARE INSTRUMENTS OF HEALING

through which God can work; and they are tools to defeat the powers of darkness.

Do you remember the ninth plague that befell the Egyptians under Moses' command? Then the Lord said to Moses, **"Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt."** So, Moses **stretched out his hand** toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings (Exodus 10:21-23). Moses never said a word, he just stretched his hand toward heaven and the darkness came. And how about the battle that the children of Israel faced with Amalek? **"And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun"** (Exodus 17:9-12). There were no words involved here either, just hands. Our hands are important in the work of God, and they must not become defiled. Let's look at a Scripture in Habakkuk: **"God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden"** (Habakkuk 3:2-4). So, out of God's fingertips came streams of light that split the atmosphere. Out of His hands flow rays of light, and in His hands is His power! This truth will propel us forward! You and I are made in the likeness and the image of God, aren't we? We are commanded to lift up holy hands unto God and to lay hands on the sick. It was not just a suggestion or an option from God; we are supposed to do it. If God's power is in His hand, as it says in Habakkuk, and we are made in His image, then the power of God is released through our hands in a stream of light as well. Praise God and hallelujah! If our hands are defiled, we may still have a little of God's power in our hands, but it is like turning on a flashlight that has mud caked over the lens. Regrettably, God is unable to work through us and release His power when our hands are defiled.

How do we defile our hands? Well, everything from sexual sin to corrupt business practices and everything in between. When we cheat on our income taxes or participate in under-the-table dirty deals. In the medical profession, doctors wash their hands when they move from one patient to the next, and we should do the same in the Spirit realm. Allow me to reveal my heart. There have been occasions when I ministered in healing lines and have laid my hands on people and literally felt the defilement attached to them. The power of God would stop, and I did not understand why. In the past, I did not know what to do, but I do now. I apply the Blood of Jesus to my hands and keep on ministering. Glory to God forevermore. God always has an answer for every dilemma we encounter. Hallelujah! **"Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully"** (Psalm 24:3-4). We simply cannot enter into the presence of God if we do not have clean hands. When the saints are cleansed—our mouths, our hands, and our hearts washed clean by

the Blood of the Lamb—we can come into His presence and worship our magnificent God. Our hands are raised in adoration to Him. Think of what is happening in the spirit dimension. Hundreds, perhaps even thousands of hands are raised toward heaven, and out of every finger light radiates and pierces the darkness, sending out beacons of light. Can we even imagine such a glorious thing? Yet, according to God's Holy Word, that is exactly what happens when we come to Him pure. If all believers came before Him like that, can you imagine what could happen? Your church would be absolutely filled with the light of God. If multiplied thousands of churches all over the nations would grasp and act on this revelation, then the Gospel light would penetrate every dark region of the world! Evangelism would explode. I am telling you, this is real! One time after I taught this truth, people returned to their workplace to put it to work. These people did not say anything to anyone, but waved their arms in trouble spots, believing God to bring light into the dark areas of their employment locales. In each incident, in every location this was done, the atmosphere immediately changed in their favor. We just do not know what power we have been given in our hands, do we?

THE POWER Let me tell you a true story that happened to me years ago. At the close of a service one Sunday morning, I stepped down from the platform while the congregation stood to be dismissed. It was a particularly large group that day; it was a packed house. In stature, I am relatively short, so could not see the people in the back of the room. I pointed my finger and waved my hand to indicate the location of someone to whom God wanted to minister. All of a sudden—Wham! Bam! Bam! Folding chairs flew in every direction. I did not see what caused it and I did not know what happened. I just heard the commotion. I waited a moment to see if I tell what happened, but then went on and dismissed the crowd when no one spoke up. Moments after the service was over, a very large man strutted to the front of the room where I was standing and asked me pointedly, "Where did you get that power in your hands"? When I asked him what he was talking about, he said, "When you moved your hand and pointed your finger in my direction, out of your finger came a bolt of light that went through the congregation, hit me in the head, and knocked me out!" I did not know it at the time, but, glory to God, the man was a warlock and wanted to know where I got that kind of power because he wanted it. "His name is Jesus," I exclaimed. Raise your hands, my friend, and let's cause havoc in the kingdom of darkness! Thank You, Jesus. Interestingly, that man is not the only person who has asked me such a question. We need to be cognizant of what our actions can accomplish in the Spirit realm. I have been in church services and snapped my fingers and had people fall out as if they had been knocked down with a two-by-four. In one meeting, I raised my hands and pointed toward the congregation, and about 400 people hit the floor at the same time. I did not see it, but all of them claimed they saw fire shoot out of my hands. Praise His name. He is absolutely wonderful. **"When they cast you down, and you say, "Exaltation will come!" Then He will save the humble person. He will even deliver one who is not innocent; yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands"** (Job 22:29-30). **"When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood"** (Isaiah 1:15).

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