



IN GOD'S HANDS

KEY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 37:23-24, Psalm 149:4

Have you ever heard it said, particularly in a seemingly hopeless situation, "Well, it's in God's hands now"?

Maybe someone has been in an accident and has suffered severe, life-threatening injuries. Maybe someone else has applied for a promotion at work and has had the final interview before a decision will be made. Maybe another someone has put an offer in on a new home. And when we have reached the end of what we believe we can do, when the prayers have been said and the waiting has begun, we often cap it off by saying, "Well, it's in God's hands now."

What a sad, lonely way to journey through life, and it's the "now" part that makes it so.

When we say "now," that means there is a before and an after. "Before I met my dream person, I was alone. But now, I'm not." It means there is a list that has been checked off, and now we have arrived at the next thing we need to do. But if we have only just put our lives, along with our troubles and impossible situations, in God's hands now, where were they before?

Were we just going it alone, believing that we couldn't bother God with our problems until after they became too much for us to handle on our own? Sadder still, were we believing that we didn't need God at all until the situations proved otherwise? Is He only the "after" back-up when the "before" things we tried failed?

How about we remove the "now" and see where that leads us?

It's in God's hands. Because I am in God's hands.

"For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation" (Psalm 149:4), and "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholds him with His hand." (Psalm 37:23-24).

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From start to finish, from the “before” to the “after,” our lives are in God’s hands if we will allow them to be.

Every moment of every day, if we will only say, “It’s in God’s hands because I am in God’s hands,” we will find that He is more than capable of directing the traffic of our lives and guiding us through the inevitable speed bumps, detours, and dangerous turns.

When we have placed ourselves—and the situations of our lives—in God’s hands at the very beginning, we will find that our choices take on more significance and our prayers take on more power. We will find that we have more hope and that God isn’t the last resort at all. He’s the way of peace, even when things seem out of control.

In God’s hands. That’s exactly where I want to be, every moment. How about you?

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