



SERMON NOTES

Does The Bible Say That?

God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

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Psalm 121:1-8 (NKJV)

1 I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From whence comes my help? 2 My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand. 6 The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. 8 The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

James 2:17-20 (AMP)

17 So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead). 18 But someone will say [to you then], You [say you] have faith, and I have [good] works. Now you show me your [alleged] faith apart from any [good] works [if you can], and I by [good] works [of obedience] will show you my faith. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. So do the demons believe and shudder [in terror and horror such as make a man's hair stand on end and contract the surface of his skin]! 20 Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that faith apart from [good] works is inactive and ineffective and worthless?

GOD USES HUMAN INSTRUMENTS

Jeremiah 51:20 (NKJV)

20 "You are My battle-ax and weapons of war: For with you I will break the nation in pieces; With you I will destroy kingdoms;

Psalm 121:1-2 (NKJV)

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Psalm 46:1 (GW)

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NKJV)

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

HOW DOES THE LORD HELP US

1. THE WANT TO PRECEDES THE _____ TO

John 5:6 (WEY)

6 Jesus saw him lying there, and knowing that he had been a long time in that condition, He

asked him, "Do you wish to have health and strength?"

2. SPECIFIC _____

Proverbs 4:13 (NLT)

13 Take hold of my instructions; don't let them go. Guard them, for they are the key to life.

God's Help Comes Through...

(1) A Person

John 14:16-17 (NKJV)

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

(2) His Precepts

Psalms 119:50 (NKJV)

50 This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.

(3) Prayer

Luke 18:1 (NLT)

1 One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

(4) People

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

John 14:12 (ESV)

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

(5) Pious Angels

Hebrews 1:14 (NCV)

14 All the angels are spirits who serve God and are sent to help those who will receive salvation.

3. _____ ACT

John 5:9 (NLT)

9 Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath,

Answers:

1. *How*
2. *Instructions*
3. *Obediently*