

OUR TIMES ARE IN GOD'S HANDS

Psalm 31:15

Introduction: As my wife and I have gotten older, we talk a lot about our many years together and how God has blessed and done many wonderful, amazing things, yet as we have gotten older we noticed that we are becoming more "unsure," more undecisive," more "nervous" about things that we once never gave a second thought to. Probably we are not the only older couple who are feeling/seeing the changes in our outlook. Oh that we could have the attitude of our younger days when we would dare anything. This text is a reassuring thought and promise that is remindful that God really is in charge and that our times are indeed in God's hands.

I. WE CHRISTIANS CAN DEPEND UPON GOD WHO MADE AND CONTROLS ALL THINGS

1. IN LIFE:

- Our lives are in God's strong and steady hands.
- No matter our race, creed, color age, whatever.
- No matter whether one is poor, wealthy, a farmer, a banker or whatever.
- No matter whether one is healthy or sickly.
- God has a part in the life of every one of us.

2. IN DEATH:

- The older one gets, the more often the thought of death occurs and is reminded that there is an appointed hour to meet God in eternity.
- There is no security in being young or being in good health, death can happen at any moment.
- There is no safety in hospitals, doctors or insurance programs.
- No person can flee, no person can avoid it, and God uses many different ways to bring our lives to an end as everybody well knows.
- When God calls us into eternity, our soul obeys, answers.

3. IT IS IN GOD, ALONE, THAT WE LIVE, MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING

II. WE CHRISTIANS HAVE SECURITY IN GOD

1. None can kill/destroy the Christian before his/her time.

- Every one of us has escaped death many times, most of the time we never knew it.
- God protects His own Children and it has been said that every Christian has a "guardian" angel.

2. None can hurt the Christian unless God allows it to happen.

- As powerful as Satan is, he cannot touch God's Child unless God gives permission.
 - Remember Job?
- Other people cannot harm God's Children unless God permits it.
- We need to remember, however, that we are not at liberty to rush needlessly into danger, expecting God to always deliver us.

3. When/if God sees fit to keep us from hurt or harm, there is no one anywhere who can harm us.

CONCLUSION:

1. A note here, if you are not a part of God's family, and that can be only through His Son, Jesus, then right now, rush to Jesus Christ in trusting faith.
 - Think of all the wasted years of your life.
2. Christian, serve God without fear.
 - There is no cause to fear anybody. If our lives and our times are in God's hands, then why be afraid?
 - Christian, be bold, step out for the Lord.
3. We can trust God completely.
 - With our lives and times in God's hands, who could better manage them?
 - It is God who doeth all things well. (and nobody else)
4. Whether you are aware of it or not, whether you care or not:
 - Your (our) life (lives) and time (times) are in God's hands.
 - So why not be at peace and recognize God to be your God?
5. For us older Christians, let's try to not worry, try not to be apprehensive, try not to fret, try not to be overly concerned about things for our Lord who got us through our younger years when we didn't worry, is still in charge and if we didn't worry very much then, nothing has changed that really matters, so let's leave it to our Lord to do the worrying for us. Let's go on trusting Him.