

I. ~~EXCELSIOR~~ Nail-Pierced HandsA. Scripture:

Lk. 24:40 & Jn. 20:20, "shewed them his hands & feet"

Lk. 24:39 & Jn. 20:27, "behold my hands & my feet"

Jn. 20:25, "except I see in his hands the print
of the nails..."

Ps. 22:16, "They pierced my hands & my feet."

Zech 12:10, "They shall look on him whom they pierced"
(also Jn. 19:37)

B. The infinite price that he paid.

The hands that made the world are now pierced
for the sins of the world.

C. The sweet assurance he brings.

1. Lk. 24:59 & Jn. 20:27

2. A Roman soldier returned from the wars and found
his brother on trial for his life.

He held up the stump of his arms, and turned the
tide in the court, and saved his brother's life.

II. Extended HandsA. Extended in tender invitation, Mt. 11:28, "Come"B. Extended in gracious recognition

Mt. 12:49, 50, "He stretched forth his hand toward
his disciples, and said... Whosoever shall do the
will of my Father which is in Heaven,
the same is my brother, & sister, & mother."

C. Extended in grievous disappointment

Rom. 10:21, "To Israel he saith, All day long have
I stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient &
gainsaying people."

III. Blessed Hands

A. Luke 24:50, "And he lifted up his hands & blessed them

B. Blessing upon those who obey his commission

C. Blessing upon those who heed his teaching, Mt. 5:1-12

D. " on those who confess Him as Divine Savior, Mt 16:17

E. " " little children who were brought to him, Mk 10:13

None are too young to enjoy the Shepherd's care, and
none are too old to need it.

IV. OMNIPOTENT HANDS

A. Jn. 3:35 & 13:3, "God hath given all things into His hand."

1. Creation, "All things were made by him."
2. Revelation, "He that hath seen me hath seen the (also Jn. 1:18) Father."
3. Redemption, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me"
4. Authority or Administration.

The citizens of the kingdom of Heaven must be governed by the King.

5. Judgment

B. Mk. 6:2, "mighty works are wrought by his hand." (also Mark 8:23, 25)

1. What mighty works? (BUSY HANDS OF A SERVANT)
 - a. Healing diseases
 - b. Casting out demons
 - c. Ruling over nature
2. Unbelief hinders his mighty works.
He is not merely a "carpenter".

V. SECURE HANDS

Jn. 10:28, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (also v. 29)

A. Who Has Security?

1. Believers, v. 26
2. His sheep, v. 26
3. They hear his voice, v. 27
4. He knows them, v. 27
5. They follow him, v. 27

B. The security they have.

1. They have the gift of eternal life, v. 28
2. They shall never perish, v. 28
3. No man can pluck them out of the hand of Jesus, v. 28
4. No man can pluck them out of the hand of the Father v. 29.

That wonderful hand of Jesus, with its nail prints, knocks at the heart's door for entrance.

That hand, with its deep marks of unselfish love, beckons on the weary runner in the heavenly race.

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