

I Was Strengthened, as the Hand Of

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F.B. Meyer emphasizes the empowering presence of God's hand in strengthening believers for their divine missions.

Scripture: Ezra 7:28, Isaiah 41:10, John 10:28

Topics: "Divine Strength", "Trust in God's Guidance"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the profound strength that comes from recognizing the hand of God upon us, as exemplified by Ezra's daunting task of leading an expedition. He illustrates that the realization of divine support empowers the soul, much like a reassuring touch from a leader. Meyer encourages believers to trust in God's hand, which not only guides and strengthens but also protects from adversities. He draws parallels between God's hand and its historical significance, reminding us of its power to bless and uphold. Ultimately, he urges us to move forward in faith, knowing we are called to our tasks by the Almighty.

Transcript

I was strengthened, as the hand of
the Lord my God was upon me. Ezra vii. 28.

IT was no small work that the good Ezra had undertaken. To lead a great expedition across the inhospitable desert; to convoy the sacred vessels and a large treasure of gold and silver; to set magistrates and judges over all that great district beyond the river ‑‑ this was no slight task, and he needed strength. But in the simple language of his heart the good hand of his God was upon him, and that was sufficient to nerve and strengthen him.

It is wonderful what resistless might comes to the soul, when it realizes that it is treading the path and working out the career determined for it from all eternity by the Almighty. The thought imparts the same kind of impulse to the soul, as the touch of love or authority on the arm. We are reminded of the veteran, who, when charged by the Duke of Wellington to take a difficult position, turned to him and said, "I will go, sir; but first give me a grip of your conquering hand."

Think, soul, of what that hand is which holds the waters in its hollow, and spreads the curtains of the sky, and was nailed to the cross; that brought blessing with its touch to so many weary sufferers, and now holds the mysterious book, sealed with seven seals; that caught Peter, and lay lightly on the heads of the

little babes. That hand is strengthening thee for a work for which by nature thou art unequal, but to which thou hast been evidently called. Go forward: it holds, guides, empowers thee. It can lead thee before kings, princes, and nobles, so that thou shalt not fear; it can preserve thee from dangers innumerable; it can shield thee from the fire of the enemy; and none, man or devil, can pluck you out of the Father's hand.

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