

His Right Hand and His Holy Arm

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As we will see in this study, Almighty God uses the phrase "His right hand and His holy arm" metaphorically to describe the power and authority He transfers to anyone chosen to represent Him. Numerous variations of this phrase will be included because they also reflect this principle.

*Oh, sing to the Lord (Almighty) a new song! For He has done marvelous things; **His right hand and His holy arm** have gained Him the victory (Ps. 98:1; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).*

The identity of "the arm of the Lord (Almighty)" is confirmed in the next section of scripture, but not everyone will believe it. Instead, this truth has to be revealed by God the Father to those He is calling to repentance.

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²*For he (the arm) shall grow up before Him (Almighty God) as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no (Stately) form or comeliness (splendor); and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. ³He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from him; he was despised, and we did not esteem him. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God (Almighty), and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded (pierced through) for our transgressions, he was bruised (crushed) for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes (blows that*

cut in) *we are healed* (our sins forgiven upon repentance). ⁶*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way (Rom. 3:23); and the Lord (Almighty) has laid on him (Christ) the iniquity of us all (Isa. 53:1-6; cf. 2Cor. 5:21; Ed. notes in parentheses).*

Jesus Christ confirmed that his true identity could only be understood correctly if God the Father revealed it. Part of this revelation would include knowing who is "the right hand and holy arm" of Almighty God?

*All things have been delivered to me (Christ) by my Father, and **no one knows who the Son is but the Father...*** (Lk. 10:22a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

The arm of the Lord (Almighty) is also referred to as "the son of man" who was responsible for actively planting the ancient nation of Israel in the Promised Land. This son of man is also compared to a "branch" that Almighty God strengthened for the various tasks he was to accomplish (Isa. 11:1-5),

*Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine (Israel; cf. Ps. 80:8-11) ¹⁵And the vineyard which **Your right hand** (Christ) **has planted, and the branch** (also referring to Christ; cf. Isa. 11:1-5) **that You made strong for Yourself** (Ps. 80:14-15; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

*Let Your hand be upon **the man of Your right hand, upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself*** (Ps. 80:17; cf. 89:13; emphasis added).

Not only is Jesus Christ the Son of Man, he is also the Son of God as the following scripture confirms:

"Hereafter **the Son of Man** will sit on the right hand of the power of God (Almighty)." ⁷⁰Then they (members of the Sanhedrin) all said (to Christ), "Are you then **the Son of God?**" And he said to them, "**you rightly say that I am**" (Lk. 22:70; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

But **this Man** (Christ), after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God (Almighty) (Heb. 10:12; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

As mentioned previously, Jesus Christ stated that no one can come to an accurate understanding of who he is without God the Father revealing it.

No one can come to (understand the truth about) me unless the Father who sent me draws him... (Jn. 6:44a; 65; Ed. note in parenthesis).

For example, anyone who believes there is no difference between Jesus Christ and his heavenly Father, thus making Christ coequal with Almighty God, cannot inherit everlasting life unless they repent of this sin; because there is only One True God who is to be worshiped (Ex. 20:1-2). Also, those who believe there is a "trinity of coequal gods" in charge of everything in heaven and on Earth, can never know Jesus Christ.

*And this is eternal life, that they may know You, **the only true God** (Almighty), and Jesus Christ whom You have sent* (Jn. 17:3; emphasis added).

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will **worship the Father** in spirit and truth; for **the Father is seeking such to worship Him*** (Jn. 4:23; emphasis added).

We are to show respect and honor toward Jesus Christ because he is Almighty God's

representative, but all prayer and worship is directed to Almighty God, the Father.

My Father, who has given them to me (Christ), **is greater than all...** (Jn. 10:29a; cf. 14:28; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1Pet. 1:3; emphasis added).

*In this manner (outline), therefore, **pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name*** (Mt. 6:9; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Going back to Isaiah 53:1, an arm is an integral part of the individual who extends it for a specific purpose. As Jesus Christ is represented metaphorically as "the right hand and holy arm" of Almighty God, he must be a direct extension of his Father's will.

*Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do; for **whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner**"* (Jn. 5:19; emphasis added).

*I (Christ) can of myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is righteous, because **I do not seek my own will but the will of the Father who sent me*** (Jn. 5:30; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

*Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up (crucify) **the Son of man**, then you will know that I am he (the right hand and holy arm of Almighty God), and that **I do nothing of myself; but as my Father taught me, I speak these things**"* (Jn. 8:28; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

According to what Christ just said in John 8:28, he speaks only as he was spoken to by his heavenly Father, and the following texts confirm:

*I (Christ) have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He (Almighty God) who sent me is true; and **I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him** (Jn. 8:26; cf. 8:38; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

*And I (Christ) know that His (the Father's) command is everlasting life. Therefore, **whatever I speak, just as the Father has told me, so I speak** (Jn. 12:50; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

*The words that I (Christ) speak to you **I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does the works** (Jn. 14:10b; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

As just described in John 14:10b, the Father is able to "do His works" through Jesus Christ because Christ decided a very long time ago to do his Father's will rather than his own (Prov. 8:22-36; Isa. 50:4-9; Ps. 143:1ff; 1Cor. 1:24). Therefore, and figuratively speaking, Christ's decision was tantamount to joining himself to his heavenly Father "at the shoulder". Once this truth is understood, it seems appropriate that Christ is described as the "right hand and holy arm" of Almighty God.

Doing his Father's will included bringing the ancient nation of Israel out of slavery in Egypt.

***Your right hand, O Lord (Almighty), has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, has dashed the enemy in pieces** (Ex. 15:6; cf. 15:4-5, 12; Ps. 118:15-16; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

*We have heard with our ears, O God (Almighty), our fathers have told us, what deeds You did in their days, in days of old: ²How You drove out the nations (Gentiles; heathen) with Your hand (Christ), but them (Israel) You planted; how You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out. ³For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, **nor did their own arm save them; but it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance** (Christ; the perfect reflection of Almighty God's will), because You favored them (Ps. 44:1-3; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Not only was the ancient nation of Israel saved by the right hand and holy arm of Almighty God, King David was also saved numerous times both physically and spiritually.

*Though I (David) walk in the midst of trouble, You (Almighty God) will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand (Christ) against the wrath of my enemies, and **Your right hand will save me** (Ps. 138:7; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

David also acknowledged that the right hand of Almighty God intervened in ways that allowed him to become a great leader in Israel.

*You (Almighty God) have also given me the shield of Your salvation; **Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great** (Ps. 18:35; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

This metaphoric "right hand of God" seeks only the righteousness of his Father, and this is confirmed by his conduct, which is sinless. Using God's definition of righteousness, this means that Christ never broke a single law or commandment of his Father (Ps. 119:172b).

*According to Your name, O God (Almighty), so is Your praise to the ends of the earth; **Your right hand is full of righteousness** (Ps. 48:10; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

*But to the Son He (Almighty God) says: "Your throne, O God (generic for all spirit beings, and even people; cf. Jn. 10:34-36), is forever; **a scepter** (ruler's staff) **of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.** ⁹**You** (Christ) **have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness**; therefore God (Almighty), your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions (Heb. 1:8-9; Ps. 45:6-7; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

*For we do not have a High Priest (Christ) who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted (tested) as we are, **yet without sin** (Heb. 4:15; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

*Fear not, for I (Almighty God) am with you (Israel); be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, **I will help you with My righteous right hand** (Christ) (Isa. 41:10; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Almighty God created all things in heaven and on earth through His righteous right hand, Jesus Christ (Col. 1:13-20). Figuratively speaking, God the Father is the owner of the house that Christ is currently building, and Christ is the contractor who follows his Father's plans precisely.

*Indeed **My** (the Father's) **hand** (Christ) **has laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens**; when I (the Father) call to them, they stand up together (Isa. 48:13; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

*God (Almighty) who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ²has in these last days spoken to us by **His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds** (Heb. 1:1-2; cf. 1:13-20; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Therefore, it is fitting that Christ is pictured in Hebrews 1:8 with a scepter symbolizing the authority his Father bestowed upon him. This was prophesied many years before Christ became a human being.

The scepter (symbol of kingship/rulership) shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh (Christ; cf. Isa. 11:1ff) comes; and to him shall be the obedience of the people. ¹¹Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine (Mt. 21:2-7), he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes (his own shed blood) (Gen. 49:10-11; Ed. notes in parentheses).

More often than not, the scepter of a monarch is held in the right hand. Part of humiliating Jesus Christ, prior to his execution, included placing a staff made out of reed in his right hand.

*When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on his head, and **a reed in his right hand**... (Mt. 27:29a; emphasis added).*

Everyone involved and responsible for Christ's death will see him again at a future resurrection (Jn. 5:28-29; Rev. 20:5-6). During this future event, every person will have to give account for their words and actions. This will be a time of anguish for all sinners in both the spirit and physical realms (Mt. 8:11-12; 22:12-13),

*Behold, he is coming with clouds (Ac. 1:9-11), and every eye will see him, and **they also who pierced him.** And all **the tribes of the***

earth will mourn because of him (Rev. 1:7; cf. Mt. 24:30-31; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

During the time mentioned in Revelation 1:7, the majority of mankind and all the fallen angels will begin to make the connection that "the right hand and holy arm" of Almighty God is a reference to Jesus Christ who has always been the faithful witness and representative of Almighty God (Heb. 13:8).

*And from **Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead...*** (Rev. 1:5a; cf. 3:14; emphasis added).

Sinners will also come to understand that Almighty God's "right hand" refers to the one who shed his blood to provide the means through which they can be forgiven, upon repentance, and then inherit everlasting life. This action by God the Father, and Jesus Christ, is a clear expression of their lovingkindness.

*I (King David) have called upon You (Almighty God), for You will hear me, O God; incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech. **Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You...*** (Ps. 17:6-7a; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

*Who shall separate us from **the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?* (Rom. 8:35; emphasis added).

*Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through **him who loved us*** (Rom. 8:37; emphasis added).

*Neither height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from **the love of God** (Almighty) which is (confirmed) in (the death of) *Christ Jesus our**

Lord (Rom. 8:39; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

It is by the actions of Jesus Christ, as the arm of Almighty God, that all sinners have an opportunity to repent and be forgiven. This "redemption from sin" was prophesied thousands of years ago.

*You (Almighty God) have with Your arm (Christ) **redeemed Your people...*** (Ps. 77:15a; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Therefore, God the Father confirmed His love for sinful mankind, as well as the fallen angels, by enduring the emotional pain associated with the gruesome death of His faithful and obedient son, Jesus Christ. At the same time, Christ suffered both emotionally and physically as a testament of his love for all sinners. This distinction between God the Father and Jesus Christ is more readily identified in the writings of the First Covenant when phrases like "His right hand and holy arm" are correctly understood. Specifically, these phrases are meant to show that the spirit being, we now know as Jesus Christ, is a separate individual who was created by his heavenly Father to fulfill His will and finish the commission of restoring all repentant sinners to Himself (1Cor. 15:22-28).

If the spirit being, who later became known as Jesus Christ, had always existed, then he would not be remembered by the number of years he lived, which this last scripture states.

*And I said, "This is my anguish; but **I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High*** (Ps. 77:10; emphasis added).

Almighty God cannot be associated with time, or a number of years because He has always existed (1Tim. 1:17; 6:11-16). However the years of His right hand and arm, Jesus Christ, can

be numbered from the day he was created and began learning wisdom from his Father (Prov. 8:22-36; Isa. 50:4-10; Ps. 143:1ff; 1Cor. 1:24; Heb. 5:7-9).

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