

Hold on to the Hand

by Mary Wilder Tileston

The sermon emphasizes the importance of holding onto God's hand through prayer and trust, encouraging believers to overcome their faults with childlike faith.

Scripture: Psalm 37:23, Proverbs 3:5, Isaiah 42:6, Philippians 4:6, James 4:8

Topics: "Faith And Trust", "Intimacy With God"

Description

Mary Wilder Tileston, preaching on Isaiah 42:6, emphasizes the importance of drawing closer to God and holding onto His hand. She encourages not being content with focusing solely on faults but striving to deepen the relationship with God through constant prayer, desire for His presence, and seeking to please Him in all things. Like a child holding its mother's hand, believers are urged to trust in God's support, boldly moving forward despite stumbling, and finding comfort in His loving embrace when faced with challenges.

Transcript

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee.

ISAIAH 42:6

DON'T be content with spending all your time on your faults, but try to get a step nearer to God. It is not He who is far away from us, but we from Him. If you ask me the best means to persevere, I would say, if you have succeeded in getting hold of Almighty God's hand, don't let it go. Keep hold of Him by constantly renewing ejaculatory prayers to Him, acts of desire, and the seeking to please Him in little things.

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Strive to be as a little child who, while its mother holds its hand, goes on fearlessly, and is not disturbed because it stumbles and trips in its weakness. So long as God holds you up by the will and determination to serve Him with which He inspires you, go on boldly and do not be frightened at your little checks and falls, so long as you can throw yourself into His arms in trusting love. Go there with an open, joyful heart as often as possible; if not always joyful, at least go with a brave and faithful heart.

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