

THE UNSEEN HAND

Ps 37:23-24 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.

"The Unseen Hand"

There is an unseen hand to me
That leads through ways I can not see
While going through this world of woe
This hand still leads me as I go
I'm trusting to the unseen hand
That guides me through this weary land
And some sweet day I'll reach that strand
Still guided by the unseen hand
This hand has led through shadows drear
And while it leads I have no fear
I know 'twill lead me to that home
Where sin nor sorrow e're can come

I'm trusting to the unseen hand
That guides me through this weary land
And some sweet day I'll reach that strand
Still guided by the unseen hand
I long to see my Savior's face
And sing the story I've been saved by grace
And there upon that golden strand
I'll praise Him for His guiding hand
I'm trusting to the unseen hand
That guides me through this weary land
And some sweet day I'll reach that strand
Still guided by the unseen hand

A.J. Sims of Dalton, GA wrote the song. He worked in the Crown Cotton Mill, was called to preach, taught music and wrote many, many hymns. "The Unseen Hand" was published by Rambo/Benson. He died in 1969.

[The Unseen Hand: An Introduction to the Conspiratorial View of History](#) Jan 1, 1985 by A. Ralph Epperson

THE UNSEEN HAND, SAM SHEPARD A Play

THE WISE MEN HAD A STAR

MOSES AND CHILDREN OF ISRAEL HAD A PILLAR OF FIRE AND A CLOUD

ABRAHAM HAD A WORD

STRENGTH FOR THE STRUGGLING 8:1-4

Acts 8:1-4 ¶ And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. **2** And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him. **3** As for Saul, he made havock of the

church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison. **4 ¶** Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

Job 2:10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Job 19:21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.

Ec 9:1 ¶ For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, *are* in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred *by all that is* before them.

Are in the hand of God; are subject to his power, and governed by his providence, as this phrase is used [Pr 21:1](#); [Joh 3:35](#), compared with [Mt 28:18](#). And therefore although we cannot fully understand the reasons of all God's works, as he now said, [Ec 8:17](#), yet because they are done by his unerring hand, we may be assured that they are done both righteously and justly, and that no man hath cause to murmur at the prosperity of the wicked, or at the calamities of good men.

Matthew Poole's Commentary on the Holy Bible

SUFFERING STRETCHED WEARY

Ps 119:133 ¶ Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

GUIDANCE FOR THE JOURNEY 8:4-8

Acts 8:4-8 ¶ Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. **5** Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. **6** And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. **7** For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. **8** And there was great joy in that city.

“finger of God” 4 times “written with the finger of God” 3 times

Ex 8:19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This *is* the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

Ex 31:18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

De 9:10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them *was written* according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

Lu 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

DISPERSION	scattered abroad
DIRECTION	went every where
DISTINCTION	preaching the word

SALVATION FOR THE SINNERS 8:26-39

8:4-8 THE SATISFIED

8:9-13 THE SCORCER

8:26-39 THE SEARCHING

Ac 8:26-31 ¶ And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. **27** And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, **28** Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. **29** Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. **30** And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? **31** And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

A MAN OF CURIOSITY

A MAN OF CONCERN

A MAN OF CONVICTION

THE HAND OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF THE EVANGELIST
THE HAND OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF THE UNBELIEVER

JESUS FOR THE JOURNEY

Ac 7:54-60 ¶ When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth. **55** But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, **56** And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. **57** Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, **58** And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. **59** And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. **60** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

1 Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: