

The Blessing

By Adrian Ebens, 4 April 2021

Adrian: How many of you would like Jonathan to sing a song for us?

Jonathan: All right, guys, this song is called These Hands, and it's looking at your hands. I mean, this is for me. I was actually teaching at a school and I was trying to teach the children how to like not tear each other apart and bully each other. And I was thinking, how do I communicate this in a song? And I was actually teaching at Cessnock High. This is a good 10 years ago and I got up and they somehow let me sing this song in assembly.

It is a personal reflection of thinking. My hands, I could use them to hurt or to hold and my mouth I could use it to bless and affirm or to tear someone to shreds. And I'm fully aware that I've done all of these things and I've done the negative. And then feeling that conviction of realizing God has given me this blessing of these hands that can hold. And you think about Ellen White's statement where she said when He was crucified, these hands that were reached out and in blessing, not pierced and nailed to a tree, the feet that would tirelessly walking on missions of mercy now pierced to a cruel tree and that the lips that spoke truth now shape to the cry of woe. And every fiber of His being was in blessing and love because He was filled with the Father's blessing.

And so, I'm deeply convicted by that, and particularly in regard to my relationship with Lori and close relationships where all my buttons get pressed, and I'm tempted to be the worst version of myself and I have been. And then just feeling that conviction and blessing and love from God to give me the love in my heart so I can be a blessing to her. And even if I'm attacked to bless and I think that's the situation that we're all in. And so, I hope you enjoy this song.

[Sing These Hands]

Adrian: Well, I hope that you have all had a wonderful camp experience. And that you've been claiming the extra portion of the Spirit that's available during this time. We are now come to the end and we have to go back into the world and hopefully we will remember the things that we have learned that during this camp time seeds have been planted that will bear fruit at Tabernacles, is that right? And that would be a great blessing.

I really want to thank Lorelle for what she shared. That was a real blessing to share important points while at the same time being discreet. It was wonderful to apply these principles. So, before we continue, I'd just like to offer a prayer.

Father, we just thank You so much that we've been able to come aside and just rest in Your arms and to know that we are Your beloved children and that whatever we face, my God shall supply all your needs. I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore, with loving kindness I have drawn you. I have hopes and dreams for you to give you a hope and a future. You've said all these things to us and we just pray that we'll be reminded of these things as we face challenges and as sin abounds in our life that we won't believe that we judge and condemn by You. And You'll bless us now in Jesus' name. Amen.

And some of us have been talking at the present time, there's a very, very red patch on the Bureau of Meteorology in Rockhampton and it's slowly coming down this way. So, after lunch, probably some of us are going to be many of us are going to be leaving. There's a lot of rain that's going to be falling. So, we would like to stay a little bit extra. I don't know. Some might be staying if you're in a tent. We shall pray for you. Tomorrow won't be a good day for travel.

Even though the enemy has tried really hard to try and stop this event in many different ways and but we still here and we're feeling tremendously blessed. I'm feeling tremendously blessed. I just really thank the Lord for some of the presentations. Someone has already emailed me through the transcript from Ruben's sermon from Canada. Thank you, Anna. She's already sent that through because we put out the call, We

need this transcribe. Done. So, thank you for doing that for us. That will be very, very important information.

And this morning, as I was waking up and meditating on our Father, I was meditating on Matthew chapter 26 and just looking at this with new eyes. And I just want to spend a moment looking at that with you, Matthew chapter 26. And we look at Matthew 26:38. So many of the things that we've learned along the way about the divine pattern is that Christ is the image of the invisible God and that He manifests what His Father is both thinking and doing. And as we looked at the other night, it says, We will look upon Him whom we have pierced, in Zechariah 12:10. And I typically associated that verse in Zechariah with Christ, the one being pierced. But as Christ is the one who manifests the Father, I now look at Matthew 26 in a new light, a deeper light.

We see Matthew 26:38, where Jesus says to his disciples, "Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." And of course, Christ has come into human form and He has become subject to death. But do we see in this verse a manifestation of the feeling of the Father? Do we see that in this verse? Is Christ, in this instance, manifesting the feeling of the Father that His soul is sorrowful? If it were possible, even unto death? It adds new meaning. It says, "Tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little further, and he fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

And as we have come to this passage in the past, the reason why God cannot answer the prayer of Christ is because of the teaching of penal substitution that it had to be done. Jesus had to die in order for justice to be served. So, God's will was that His justice should be satisfied and therefore Jesus had to die. But that's not what this is saying, is it? He says, Not as I will, but as Thou. Supplied word "wilt". But what can the Father do? If Satan's desires towards Christ are not fully manifested in the destruction of His Son, we would never know, we would never understand, the universe would never understand the true feelings of Satan towards His Son. And we would never truly understand how much the Father loved us and being willing to yield up His Son to us. So, what could the Father do, what could He do?

How do you think the Father felt when His Son is screaming, Father, I really don't want to be separated from You? This is really, really hard. I'm finding this very, very difficult. Distressed. When your child is crying out to you. The same way: I don't want to be separated from you, son. This is this is killing me. This is really distressing for me. But what many of us have been taught about our Father is that the Father is untouchable. The Father is all powerful and... Some you will understand in the end. This is what we had to do. In this completely masks the reality of the Father's suffering.

I don't know how you've been thinking about some of these things, but I often find myself saying to the Father, like, Father, this is so unfair to You. This is so unfair what Satan's done to You. You were the most loving. You are the most kind, the most patient, the most gentle being in all the universe. You are so beautiful and so kind. And what Satan has done to You is so unfair. It's just not right. And in the past, of course, Satan with an egg me on to his justice system to say, He needs to burn. But then you realize the words of Jesus when He says, My soul is sorrowful, even under death. Tarry ye here and watch with me. Is this an expression of the Father? Watch with Me, walk with Me. Let's walk through this valley of the shadow of death together.

Our Father has tremendous courage. My admiration for Him is just escalating every day, just going up and up and up. The strength of His character. And He's made himself completely vulnerable to His creation. He could have created the universe in a very, very different way than what He did in order to protect Himself. But, of course, as we know, there can be no eternity in the heart that lives unto itself. The heart that lives unto itself will perish, will die, will destroy itself. The only way that eternity can exist is to be like our Father is.

And I just find this passage to be profoundly new in my mind, and of course, Matthew, 26:40, "And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could you not watch with me one hour?" Could you not watch with Me for one hour? Jesus wanted the fellowship of His disciples because His heart is open to them and He loves them and He's given Himself to them. He's actually

comforted and encouraged by the fact that they're actually thinking about Him and they're praying for Him and they're with Him. And as we go through this world, as we think about the torture that's going on in the world now and all the suffering that our Father is going through, just the fact that we're thinking about Him is a comfort to Him. We're thinking about what He suffers and what He goes through and how wonderful to have something to think about other than ourselves. Is that not a wonderful thing to think about someone, our Father wonderfully giving and caring and loving towards us.

So, I pray that as we go from this place that your thoughts will be inclined towards what our Father is going through and how much He is willing to suffer in order to save us. So many people have said, Well, if God is all powerful, why doesn't He just end it? Why doesn't He just finish all this nonsense. Just stop it. Just stop this nonsense and take us to heaven and finish all this nonsense. And that's evidence of someone who doesn't know the Father. They don't know the Father. They don't know that He doesn't use force. He doesn't manipulate people. He cannot. It's not in His character to do this. He is subject to His children. He has made Himself subject to His children and that He must walk through this dark valley with His children and hoping and trusting and believing that they will come to Him. He has confidence that there will be a remnant that will come to Him. And the Scripture tells us this is going to be the case. Our Father's optimism is just astounding to me, the confidence that He has, the optimism that He manifests, the belief.

When we think about, as Lorelle talked about earlier, about just how messed up we really are and how easy it would just be to go, Look at these people, it's just not really worth the effort. But He doesn't, His optimism is always there. And I pray that the seeds that we had planted during this meeting will lead you more and more to think about our Father, to think about how beautiful He is and how He suffers with us and that He will never leave us. As Jesus says, I will never leave you, nor forsake you. He's representing the Father. He's speaking on behalf of the Father. The Father is saying, I will never leave you nor forsake you. And that we will believe that seeds have been planted. I hope that the thought will stay with you: neither do I condemn you, now you can go and sin no more. You don't have to live the way you've lived before. You've come to this point. You can live a different life. The seed is planted. We have planted the seed. It's up to you whether that seed stays there. When you go back and you're tempted to live and act and do the things you used to do, that when you think, It shouldn't really be like this and I shouldn't be expressing these things. So, know the seed is planted and even if there are hiccups along the way, that seed is going to grow. It's going to manifest itself. I believe that that's going to happen.

But as we're in this particular time of the feast and as we have done in the past, we want to manifest the Father's blessing. And so, as we come to this time, we want to offer prayer for those who would like to receive prayer. Prayer for strength, prayer for family, pray for whatever you desire, and that you will go on your way with the confidence that the Father has spoken to you through His Son. And you will be encouraged and you will believe that the things that have been prayed are seeds that are planted and they will manifest to the faith of our community here.

I just want to say how thankful I am for all of you. It's just been a wonderful time to be part of the family. It was just such a tremendous joy to see Brian and Judy and Rebecca come yesterday to see you come like, Praise God, you just wanted to be here to be part of the family. Thank you for making the effort. It really was just so nice to see you here and to all of you that have been watching online as well, we really thank you. Many of you have been very committed to watching the presentations, and we're very, very glad for that.

And I'm confident that the seeds of what we are seeing now with our Father will manifest in the 144,000. Do you have the hope, do you dare to hope that you could be part of the 144,000?

Audience: Amen.

Who is the only person that can prevent you from believing this? Satan tempting you to doubt that you could be part of the 144,000. It's the Father's desire that you be part of the 144,000. That's what His desire is. And there is nothing from Him that prevents you. It's not your sinfulness. It's not the darkness that still remains in you. None of that prevents you from being part of the 144,000. The only thing that prevents you is your judgment on yourself.

And the sooner any of us come to the point where we believe we can be part of that. And there are 144,000 people on this planet that have that seed planted within themselves, the sooner we can go home. Once the 144,000 manifest and preach the gospel to the whole world, then the demonstration has been made. God's commandments can be kept, God's character can be revealed. God has revealed His character to us. We know what it is now. We can explain this from Scripture. The seal is now ready. We have the festivals and that seal can be stamped into us. Everything is now ready.

And now that everything is now ready, the beast and its image are now ready to manifest themselves. Not because they were always in a position to do this, but they can only manifest this darkness in contrast to the light of the sons and daughters of God. And if we do not manifest, they will not manifest. They can only manifest in contrast to the sons and daughters of light. And so, if the seeds are now planted in us and for those of you online...

I just had this thought. I want to show you a picture. This was sent to me by a brother in the Philippines and we would pronounce his name Gill. But he assures me this Gill. It's like the Dutch 'g'. Good old Facebook. There we go. I want to show you this picture.

All those people are holding a copy of Agape. He just wanted to share that with me and he said, Pray for us. So, this is his... He wanted to show me this. You've written in the book and he shared it with copies of Agape and these copies were printed in Manila from a doner in the US. And now here they are in the hands of these dear people. Yes, that's their first Passover. They've been reading the books and they've now kept their first pass over.

And the same is happening in India, Brother Enoch is keeping a Passover there. And he's sharing the character of God's message with them. And as he's written down here, The Agape love is now spreading now right here in the Philippines. Include us in your prayers. Thank you. So, and he says here, Blessed Holy Sabbath day, Pastor Adrian. We are ongoing with our camp meeting since the Passover day with Brother Temujin and the study of the book Agape. Thank you so much. So, I just had to share with you. The Philippines that these brothers are putting up their hands and encouraging... Same thing happening. There are a number of people that are keeping the Passover for the first time and they're planting the same seed and they're taking hold of these books. And I know it's a tremendous blessing.

So, I'd like to invite the elders to come. And I know in the past we have had each of the elders... Well, we just have one of the elders pray for each person that comes forward.

[Pray for all the various people at the camp meeting]

Let's kneel and pray for our family online as well.

Father we thank you for all of our people watching online, both now and a little bit later. I pray they all know that they are Your beloved children. Some have health challenges. I pray for Your healing. Some are yearning for their children, as many of us are. Some are yearning for parents, siblings. Father, we pray for Your healing hand in all of these situations and that they will know there is no condemnation and that we can overcome the sins that Satan seeks to bind about us and that we will choose our destiny as children of the light. And we thank you, Father, that this is a reality. And I pray for all of us that have been prayed for that we will believe a seed is now planted in us and nobody can take that seed out except us may remain within us. And it will grow up into the fullness of the stature of Christ and we will all be together as one unbroken family before God and the land. We thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.