

Does God Have the Whole World in His Hands?

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“Doesn’t God have the whole world in His hands?”

Although God loves the whole world and sent His Son to die for the sins of the whole world, He does NOT yet have the whole world in His hands (under His control).

In this world, there are two types of people—the sons of disobedience (of darkness) and the children of light (believers). ***The sons of disobedience do not want to be in God’s hands.*** If He were to put them there, they would instantly leap out. Even though He is daily speaking to them of His love through creation and calling them to believe in Him, they have the right to choose to reject Him.

Ephesians 5:5-8

*For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with **them**. ⁸ For you **were** once darkness, but **now** you are light in the Lord. Walk as **children of light**.*

Colossians 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

Those who still choose to reject Christ are under the power of the devil. To the Pharisees before the cross, Jesus said:

John 8:44

*You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you **want** to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

Of course, this does not give us license to mistreat someone who is still in darkness; rather, we share with them the good news and pray for them so that they may put their lives in the hands of God and be brought out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light.

We, the children of light, ARE in the hands of God, and no one can take us out of them.

John 10:27-29

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.