

# The Arm of the Lord

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## Isaiah 53:1

“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

## The Workings of God

### 1 Corinthians 12:6

There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

- When Jesus healed a lame man he said in:

### John 5:17

Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.”

- So what is the Arm of the Lord? Before we get there let’s look at His finger and hand
- Exodus 8:19, “*The magicians said to Pharaoh, ‘This is the finger of God.’*”
  - o Concerning the plagues of Egypt they could not reproduce
- Exodus 31:18, “*...the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.*”
- Luke 11:20, “*But if I drive out demons by the finger of God....*”
- **The Hand of the Lord** – when He dried up the Red Sea and the Jordan, Joshua said in

### Joshua 4:24

“He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God.”

- The Hand of the Lord was upon Samson, David and the Old Testament Prophets

### Ezekiel 37:1

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

- The Arm of the Lord is the Power of God in manifestation
  - o **Please Read: Ephesians 1:15-23**
- Isaiah chapter 53 is all about the Lord’s salvation and redemption through Jesus Christ

## Who has believed the Message

**Isaiah 53:1 AMP**, “WHO HAS believed (trusted in, relied upon, and clung to) our message [of that which was revealed to us]? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been disclosed?”

- What do you think Jesus meant by this saying in?
  - o Mark 4:23, *“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”*

**Mark 4:23-24 AMP**, “If any man has ears to hear, let him be listening and let him perceive and comprehend. And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you — and more [besides] will be given to you who hear.

- When Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem He responded to Israel’s unbelief

### **John 12:37-38**

Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

- The apostle Paul also commented on Israel’s unbelief

**Romans 10:16**, “But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, ‘Lord, who has believed our message?’”

### **Romans 10:16 NKJV**

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?”

- Israel had a Gospel message preached to them – a land flowing with milk and honey
- In this Age of Grace we live in today- there is also a Gospel message being preached!
- As it was then, so it is today- only those who obey the message enter in and are saved

## A Land Flowing with Milk and Honey - Jeremiah 32:20-22

**Hebrews 4:1-2**, “Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.”

- Many manuscripts state, “because they did not share in the faith of those who obey.”
- Faith always produces corresponding action or acts of obedience to what is said
- In the burning bush God appears to Moses and gave him a promise to deliver to Israel

### **Exodus 3:8-10**

“So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey — the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

- The whole purpose of leaving Egypt was to possess their inheritance
  - o A Land flowing with Milk and Honey
  - o This was the Gospel message that was preached to them in Egypt
- If we truly believe than we will obey the message- only Joshua and Caleb made it in
- The power of God is revealed to those who believe the message
- **Please Read: Numbers 13:1-2, 17 – 14:38**
- Whose report are we going to believe?
  - o The Gospel message or the bad report of sin, sickness and defeat
- **Please Read: Romans 4:16-25**
- What led to their unbelief was their devotion to their idols they were accustomed to
- God delivered Israel out of Egypt, but Egypt was still in their hearts to serve other gods
- Egypt is a type of the world and sin – we have been delivered from sin via Jesus

### **2 Corinthians 11:2-3**

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

- We are called to be consecrated and devoted to our God
- And to believe in Him is to obey Him
- **Please Read: Deuteronomy 30:11-20**

### **John 6:28-29**

Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”