THE LORD IS MY HELPER Where Does Your Help Come From?

- I. One thing that keeps people from receiving God's help is not looking to the Lord for help, but looking somewhere else for help-Is30:1-Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord... ²That <u>walk to go down into Egypt</u>, and <u>have not asked at my mouth</u>; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! ¹⁸And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious (help) unto you
 - A. If you don't look to The Lord for help, you won't get His help-2ch16:7-Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, <u>Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore</u> is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. ⁸ Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, <u>because thou didst rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thine hand</u>. ¹⁰ Then <u>Asa was wroth</u> with the seer, and put him in a prison house...¹² And Asa...was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet <u>in his disease</u> he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. ¹³ And Asa...died
 - B. <u>Many are running to the world for help</u>-They look to doctors, therapists, medication, counselors, government, experts and not even asking the Lord about it-They will not get the Lord's help
 - C. It needs to be strong in us that God is our helper-Ps54:4-God is mine helper; Ps70:5-I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer
- II. We are to look to God for help-Ps121:1-I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. ²<u>My help cometh from the Lord</u>, which made heaven and earth. ³He will not suffer thy foot to be moved...⁵ <u>The Lord</u> is thy keeper: <u>The Lord</u> is thy shade upon thy right hand. ⁷<u>The Lord</u> shall preserve thee from all evil: <u>He</u> shall preserve thy soul. ⁸<u>The Lord</u> shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth...
 - A. When you need help with **ANYTHING** train yourself to look to the Lord-Parenting, financial, mental, physical, marriage, work-**Pr3:6**-In <u>all thy ways</u> acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
 - B. When you need help, look only to The Lord-Ps62:1-Truly my soul <u>waiteth</u> upon God: <u>from him</u> cometh my salvation (aid). <u>²He only</u> is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. ⁵My soul, <u>wait thou only upon God</u>; for my expectation is from him.⁶ <u>He only</u> is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.⁷ <u>In</u> <u>God</u> is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
- III. Vain is the help of man-Ps60:11-Give us help from trouble: for <u>vain</u> is the help of man (worthless).¹²Through God we shall do valiantly: (AM-Have victory) for he it is that shall tread down our enemies-NCV-Human help is useless, 12 but we can win with God's help; Is30:7-For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose...Their strength is to sit still
 - A. <u>Stop looking to flesh</u>-**Ps146:3**-Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help-**Ps33:16**-There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. ¹⁷An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength. ²⁰Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help
 - B. <u>People look to man thinking man is my answer-</u>They're an expert-*Is31:1-Woe* to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, <u>because they are many</u>; and in horsemen, <u>because they are very strong</u>; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! ³ Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit
 - C. <u>It's going to take more than the help of man to make it</u>-**Ps124:2**-If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us: ³ Then they had swallowed us up quick...⁷...Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
 - D. <u>Who your help is will determine victory or defeat</u>-**Ps20:7**-<u>Some</u> trust in chariots, and some in horses: but <u>we</u> will remember the name of the LORD our God. 8 <u>They</u> are brought down and fallen: but <u>we</u> are risen, and stand upright.