

NO GOOD THING

The Hireling

- I. **Many see people not receiving and equate that to God withholding - Just because a person didn't receive does not mean that God withheld**
- A. He can give us something that us never enjoy the reality of in our life- Don't assume because you are not enjoying that God is withheld it- **Nm13:2**-Land of Canaan which I give unto the children of Israel
 - B. If someone doesn't receive salvation, did God withhold it?-God's will is clear, He's not withholding it and yet not everybody is enjoying it; Don't blame His sovereignty or mysterious will, don't say God didn't save them, say they didn't receive-**2Pt3:9**-Not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance-**Rm5:18**-By the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men-**Ti2:12**-Grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men-**Hb4:3-AC**-They shall not enter My rest; and this He said although [His] works had been completed and prepared [and waiting for all who would believe] from the foundation of the world.
 - C. If someone doesn't receive we need to be rooted in the reality that God didn't withhold it-I don't know what happened but He didn't withhold it
- II. **The heart of The Father is to give, to help; He is open-handed-Ps145:14-** The Lord upholds all that fall, and raises up all those that be bowed down. ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you; and you give them their meat in due season. ¹⁶You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷The Lord is righteous (fair) in all his ways and holy (kind) in all his works. ¹⁸The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. ¹⁹He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry and will save them. ²⁰The Lord preserves all them that love him
- A. God was ready to give but they wouldn't listen so they had problems He wanted to keep them from-**Ps81:13**-Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! ¹⁴I should soon have subdued their enemies and turned my hand against their adversaries. ¹⁶...fed them also with the finest of the wheat...with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee-**Pr1:24**-I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded
 - B. The enemy endeavors to paint a picture of God with crossed arms and closed hands-God could've done more, should've done more, He didn't all He could do; This is an attack on the nature and character of God
 - C. God doesn't do nothing while His people are being devoured-That's someone who doesn't care-**Jn10:11**-I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. ¹²But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and flees: and the wolf catches them, and scatters the sheep. ¹³The hireling flees, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep-**Am3:12**-As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria...
- III. **GET THIS SETTLED: When something good doesn't happen God wasn't holding out on anybody, but was doing everything He could on His end; It's the enemy who keeps people in the dark and keeps them from receiving**