

ASKING FOR GOD'S HELP

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LYRICS

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NOT in God's Bible: *"God helps those who help themselves."*

Reading 1 during INTRO: Psalm 121: 1-2. I will lift up my eyes to the hills— From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, God-Named-YHWH, Who made heaven and earth. Romans 8:26. God's Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what we should pray, SO HE prays for **us**.

VERSE 1

God does NOT help "those who help themselves" (as the saying goes).
That is God's ENTIRE POINT:
We CAN'T -- CANNOT save our lives with our skills or hard work. God says:

BRIDGE (3 times)

Without God we're helpless - hopeless
On our own we Will fail - hopeless
First Thessalonians 3 We need God
Set aside your pride ... Set aside your pride ... Set aside your pride ...

CHORUS (3 times)

God helps those who ask help from God.
Ask for Wisdom - See James One 5.

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Reading 2 before Vs 2:

God repeatedly promises to HELP if we humbly ask. **NEVER** does He say,
"God helps those who help themselves."
Psalm 33:20, "Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield."

VERSE 2

We cannot ever do enough good to earn heaven with God.
That is God's ENTIRE POINT
We CAN'T - CANNOT work to earn points to deserve a place in Heaven.
God says
(BRIDGE and CHORUS)

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Reading 3 before Vs 3: From Psalm 33:

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy Name.

VERSE 3

Yes: God has clearly warned, "Do NOT be lazy. Do NOT waste your Life."

That is God's ENTIRE POINT:

We DO -- will do good works to show our LOVE for God and others...

(BRIDGE and CHORUS)

Reading 4 at end: James 1:5.

If you lack wisdom, humbly ask God who gives generously and without criticizing you.

BUT ask in faith, without doubts whether God will keep His promise.

God PROMISES to help, if you ask.

He NEVER says '*God helps those who help themselves.*'

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ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

First Thessalonians 3 - about prayer as well as ACTIONS to help others

- 11 Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.
- 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you,
- 13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

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Song Story

7 March 2011

A sad song story, to me... Written alone with God at a church altar at 6:30 A.M., and then the music written at the sanctuary piano by 7:15....on the first anniversary since Horrid Event described in my song "***Third of Despair and HOPE***"... and first song EVER, "Above My Sorrow Sea", God's song gift TO and THRU me 3 days after 7 March 2010....

The weekly prayer time for this church of 250 members (120 regular attendees in two services) had been at **6 A.M.**, just minutes earlier.

Only 2 other persons showed up: 2 leaders "above me", so I didn't lead prayers. Usual attendance? 1 or 2 more people at most... out of the **120**. The church was in the midst of many meetings about changing the worship times... very emotionally charged meetings with many "private" discussions outside church.

YET: As usual, **none of the prayers were about that or other intense issues**,

- not seeking wisdom, - **James 1: 5 and 6**
- not seeking protection from Satan's attempts to divide the church, Ephesians 6:10
- not seeking God's help in stopping all the **gossip** being spread by church people,
- not seeking God's help for soothing all the bitterness building up in church,
- not praying for church teachers, or worship leaders, or the pastor & wife,
- not praying to reach people outside the church,
- not praying for ideas on how to reach more children & youth.....

Only prayers? For a few sick people + quote> "for the preschool, & for our government".

And my prayers, going down my written list, for each of my high school & college age Sunday School students.... for which once again I'd gotten the comment before we started prayers at 6:00, of "***You're going to pray your list again?***"

That's a quote from these church LEADERS... I recorded it in my journal, written on knees at the altar, after this "prayer time" ended at 6:08 A.M..... EIGHT minutes after it began with 2 out of 120 local-area church members who supposedly came to pray to ASK FOR HELP from God, the LORD of All Creation – for our ENTIRE church.

As I wrote these final lines in my journal **there at the altar**, the words of this song came to me immediately.... and the music moments later.... A SAD song to me.... but an important one:

God helps those who humbly ASK Him for help.

True for individual people.... for churches...

God expects us to set aside pride & expectation in our own skills & knowledge. NO: God does NOT

"help those who help themselves." God helps those who

DEPEND HUMBLY ON MIGHTY GOD.

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Update a dozen years later (April 2023) ... Many many persons have LEFT the church --- whose leaders NOW claims that SOME scriptures in Bible are **WRONG** despite being repeated the SAME way ALL through God's Book -- including in "the Old Testament".