

IMAGO DEI – The Hands & Feet of God

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Matthew 23:27-28 (NIV) – “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness”.

“**hypocrites**” = Greek *hupokrites* - “actor, pretender, one whose profession does not match their practice”

Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV) – Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground”. So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

Genesis 9:6 (NIV) – “Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind”.

James 3:9 (NIV) – “With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness”.

Romans 10:14-15 (NIV) - “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”

Isaiah 43:10-13 (NKJV) – “You are My witnesses”, says the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe in Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior. I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, and there was no foreign god among you; therefore, you are My witnesses”, says the Lord, “that I am God. Indeed, before the day was, I am He; and there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?”

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“Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow man throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy” –

Mother Teresa

Mark 16:15-18 (NIV) – He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well”.

“Interest in missions is not an elective in God’s university of grace. It is something in which every disciple is expected to major” – ***Henry Ironside***

Romans 12:1 (NIV) - “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship”.

“The seven ages of man: spills, skills, thrills, bills, ills, pills, and wills” –

Mark Cable

Romans 12:3-8 (NIV) – “For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully”.

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Luke 19:39-40 (NIV) – Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” “I tell you”, He replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out”.

“An army chaplain once said to the Duke of Wellington, ‘Do you think it is of any use our taking the gospel to the hill tribes of India? Will they ever receive it?’ The duke replied, ‘What are your marching orders?’ That was the only answer he gave. Stern disciplinarian as that great soldier was, he only wanted marching orders, and he obeyed; and he meant that every soldier of the cross must obey the marching orders of Christ, his great Commander” – ***Charles Spurgeon***