THE QUESTION

What is the difference between the finger of God and the hand of God?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

The passages draw no sharp line between them. Both are picture-words for God's power, not body parts, since God has no bodily form. Clement explains the finger of God as the power that made heaven and earth, while Irenaeus uses the hand for God's power that holds and fills all creation.

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Finger and hand are figures, not a body

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Novatian lists the tablets written by God's finger and Israel's rescue by a mighty hand among Scripture's human-like pictures of God. He says these do not give God a body. They are figures that fit what people could grasp at that time.

1

> "we who say that the law is spiritual do not include any bodily form or appearance of the divine majesty within these features of our human nature."
>
> *later in the same passage*
>
> "For at that time the prophet was still speaking about God in figures, according to the state of faith in that age, not as God is, but as the people were able to receive Him."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Novatian,** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 6 (c. 240–258 AD) **Source 15, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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The finger of God means His power

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Clement explains the finger of God that wrote on the tablets as God's own power, the power that made heaven and earth. He reads the writing on the tablets as a sign of God's work in creation.

2

> "For the finger of God is understood to mean the power of God, by which the creation of heaven and earth is accomplished."
>
> *later in the same passage*
>
> "For the writing and handiwork of God placed on the tablet is the creation of the world."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 6.16 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 8, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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God's hand holds and measures all creation

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Irenaeus names both God's finger and His hand, and he uses the hand for God's power over the whole universe. That hand measures the heavens and holds the earth and the depths. He also says it reaches each person.

3

> “Who perceives the measure of His right hand? Who knows His finger? Or who understands His hand — that hand which measures immensity; that hand which, by its own measure, spreads out the measure of the heavens, and which contains in its hollow the earth with the abysses; which encompasses within itself the breadth, and length, and the depths below, and the height above of the entire creation; which is seen, which is heard and understood, and which is invisible?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD)
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Both are beyond human understanding

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Irenaeus warns against people who try to measure God. He says the heart and mind cannot take in the One who holds the earth in His hand. So he does not try to define the finger and hand closely.

4

> “For the heavenly storehouses are indeed vast: God cannot be measured in the heart, and incomprehensible is He in the mind; He who holds the earth in the hollow of His hand.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD)
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God's hand also works within hearts

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Hippolytus quotes the proverb that a king's heart is in God's hand. He says God's hand moved a pagan king's heart to recognize the Son of God in the fiery furnace. Here the hand is God's power working inside a person.

5 “The hand of God is here, by which the Word pricked his heart, so that he might recognize Him in the furnace and glorify Him.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 12, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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God's strong hand brought Israel out

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Justin names the one true God as the One who led Israel out of Egypt with a strong hand. In this way of speaking, the hand stands for God's mighty acts of rescue, the whole work of which the plagues were part.

6 “Nor do we think that there is one God for us and another for you, but that He alone is God who led your ancestors out of Egypt with a strong hand and an uplifted arm.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Dialogue with Trypho* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 3, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- None of these passages sets the finger and the hand of God side by side to define a difference.
- The passages quoted here do not explain the magicians' words in Exodus 8 or why they spoke of a finger.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 19 early Christian passages and 207 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–19, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 20–146, in Bible order), then 80 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *19 passages from 12 writers*

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · sources 1–2*

1 *Epistle of Barnabas* (on point 2) "days and forty nights, and received the covenant from the Lord, stone tablets written with the finger of the Lord;" but by turning to idols, they lost it. For the… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Epistle of Barnabas* (on point 2) "the Lord for the people." And he received from the Lord two tablets, written in the spirit by the finger of the hand of the Lord. Moses, having received them… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 3–4*

3 *Dialogue with Trypho* **Quote 6, page 4** and another for you, but that He alone is God who led your ancestors out of Egypt with a strong hand and an uplifted arm. Nor have we trusted in… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English) "we know that in Egypt there were magicians who emulated the mighty power displayed by God through the faithful servant Moses… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 5–7*

5 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quotes 3, 4, page 3** "the earth in the hollow of His hand. Who perceives the measure of His right hand? Who knows His finger? Or who understands His hand — that hand which measures immensity… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Against Heresies: Book V* (on point 3) God will be glorified in His creation, shaping it to be like His own Son. Through the Father's hands, meaning through the Son and the Holy Spirit, humans, not… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English) "But," say they, "God hardened the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants." Those, then, who allege such difficulties, do not read in the Gospel that passage where the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 8–10*

8 *Stromata* 6.16 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "by the finger of God is understood the power of God, by which the creation of heaven and earth is accomplished… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Stromata* 6.15 (1885 English; on point 3) "your right hand shall guide you marvellously, that is, the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Stromata* 5.11 (1885 English; on point 1) "let no one imagine that hands, and feet, and mouth, and eyes, and going in and coming out, and resentments and threats, are said by the Hebrews to be attributes… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · source 11*

11 *Against Marcion* 26 (on point 2) "11:20 For the magicians who stood before Pharaoh and resisted Moses called the power of the Creator the finger of God… [continues online] **read ›**

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Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · source 12*

12 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 **Quote 5, page 4** "as it is written, "The heart of a king is in the hand of God." The hand of… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 13–14*

13 *Against Celsus* 46 (1885 English) "the king, entertaining such a suspicion, summoned the Egyptian magicians, and wise men, and enchanters, who were found to be of no avail as against the wisdom of Moses, which… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 us begin, then, with those words which were spoken to Pharaoh, who is said to have been hardened by God, in order that he might not let the people go… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 15*

15 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 6 **Quote 1, page 2** "says, "The Lord God smelled a pleasing aroma," Genesis 8:21; or when the tablets written with the finger of God are given to Moses, Exodus 31:18; or when… [continues online] **read ›**

Methodius, *c. 270–311 AD · source 16*

16 *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (on point 1) the body, as is proved by the testimony of those who appear, it cannot be incorporeal. Therefore God alone is praised as the unbegotten, independent, and tireless nature, being incorporeal… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 17*

17 *Divine Institutes* 26 (1885 English; on point 5) "powerful right hand of God protects you from all dangers… [continues online] **read ›**

Peter of Alexandria, *c. 300–311 AD · source 18*

18 *Genuine Acts of Peter* (on point 1) the body, as is proved by the testimony of those who appear, it cannot be incorporeal. Therefore God alone is celebrated as the unbegotten, independent, and unwearied nature; being incorporeal… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 19*

19 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (on point 3) "all, with His holy and undefiled hands, He formed man, the most excellent of His creatures, and truly great through the understanding given him—the express likeness of His own… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *127 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

20 **Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let us make man according to our image and according to likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the earth, and all the creeping things that creep on the earth." **read ›**

21 **Genesis 2:7** Then God formed the man of dust from the earth, and breathed into his face the breath of life, and the man became a living soul. **read ›**

22 **Exodus 3:20** So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all my marvels that I will do among them; and after that he will send you away. **read ›**

23 **Exodus 4:6** Again the Lord said to him, "Put your hand into the fold of your robe." So he put his hand into the fold of his robe, and he brought his hand out of the fold of his robe, and his hand had become like snow. **read ›**

24 **Exodus 4:7** And he said again, "Put your hand into the fold of your robe." So he put his hand into the fold of his robe, and he brought it out of the fold of his robe, and it was restored again to the color of its flesh. **read ›**

25 **Exodus 4:17** And you shall take in your hand this rod that was turned into a serpent, with which you shall do the signs." **read ›**

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26 **Exodus 4:21** And the Lord said to Moses, “As you go and return to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the wonders that I have put in your hands. But I will harden his heart, and he will by no means send the people away. **read ›**

27 **Exodus 7:3** But I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and I will multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. **read ›**

28 **Exodus 7:9** “If Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, ‘Give us a sign or a wonder,’ then you shall say to Aaron your brother, ‘Take the rod and throw it on the ground before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it shall become a dragon.’” **read ›**

29 **Exodus 7:10** So Moses and Aaron went in before Pharaoh and before his servants, and they did just as the Lord had commanded them. Aaron threw down the rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a dragon. **read ›**

30 **Exodus 7:11** Then Pharaoh called together the wise men of Egypt and the sorcerers; and the enchanters of the Egyptians also did the same with their sorceries. **read ›**

31 **Exodus 7:12** Each of them threw down his rod, and they became dragons; but the rod of Aaron swallowed up their rods. **read ›**

32 **Exodus 7:13** And Pharaoh’s heart grew strong, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had commanded them. **read ›**

33 **Exodus 7:14** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart has been hardened, so that he will not send the people away. **read ›**

34 **Exodus 7:15** Go to Pharaoh in the morning. Behold, he is going out to the water, and you shall meet him on the bank of the river; and you shall take in your hand the rod that was turned into a serpent. **read ›**

35 **Exodus 7:22** But the enchanters of the Egyptians did the same with their sorceries; and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had said. **read ›**

36 **Exodus 8:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

37 **Exodus 8:3** The river shall pour forth frogs, and they shall come up and enter into your houses, into the inner rooms of your bedrooms, and upon your beds, and upon the houses of your servants and of your people, and into your dough, and into your ovens. (Septuagint Exodus 7:28 (Exodus 8:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

38 **Exodus 8:7** The enchanters of the Egyptians also did the same with their sorceries, and brought up the frogs on the land of Egypt. (Septuagint Exodus 8:3 (Exodus 8:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

39 **Exodus 8:11** The frogs shall be removed from you, from your houses, from the farmsteads, from your servants, and from your people; only in the river shall they be left.” (Septuagint Exodus 8:7 (Exodus 8:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

40 **Exodus 8:14** They gathered them together in heaps upon heaps, and the land stank. (Septuagint Exodus 8:10 (Exodus 8:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

41 **Exodus 8:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

42 **Exodus 8:18** The enchanters also did the same with their sorceries, to bring forth the gnat, but they could not. And the gnats were on people and on four-footed beasts. (Septuagint Exodus 8:14 (Exodus 8:18 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

43 **Exodus 8:19** So the enchanters said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had said. (Septuagint Exodus 8:15 (Exodus 8:19 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

44 **Exodus 8:28** Pharaoh said, “I am sending you away; sacrifice to your God in the wilderness, only you shall not go very far away. Pray, then, for me to the Lord.” (Septuagint Exodus 8:24 (Exodus 8:28 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

45 **Exodus 8:32** But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he would not send the people away. (Septuagint Exodus 8:28 (Exodus 8:32 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

46 **Exodus 9:7** When Pharaoh saw that not one of all the cattle of the children of Israel had died, Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not send the people away. **read ›**

47 **Exodus 9:11** The sorcerers could not stand before Moses because of the sores, for the sores were on the sorcerers and in all the land of Egypt. **read ›**

48 **Exodus 9:12** But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had commanded. **read ›**

49 **Exodus 9:34** But when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he went on sinning; and he hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants. **read ›**

50 **Exodus 9:35** So Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not send away the children of Israel, just as the Lord had said to Moses. **read ›**

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51 **Exodus 10:1** Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, so that these signs may come upon them one after another, **read ›**

52 **Exodus 10:20** But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not send away the children of Israel. **read ›**

53 **Exodus 10:27** But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he was not willing to send them away. **read ›**

54 **Exodus 11:10** Moses and Aaron did all these signs and wonders in the land of Egypt before Pharaoh; but the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not listen so as to send the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. **read ›**

55 **Exodus 13:15** When Pharaoh hardened himself against sending us away, the Lord killed every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of men to the firstborn of beasts. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord every one that opens the womb, the males, and every firstborn of my sons I will redeem.’ **read ›**

56 **Exodus 14:8** The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and of his servants, and he pursued the children of Israel; but the children of Israel were going out with a high hand. **read ›**

57 **Exodus 14:17** And behold, I will harden the heart of Pharaoh and of all the Egyptians, and they shall go in after them; and I will be glorified in Pharaoh and in all his army, and in his chariots and in his horses. **read ›**

58 **Exodus 15:6** Your right hand, O Lord, has been glorified in strength; your right hand, O Lord, has shattered the enemies. **read ›**

59 **Leviticus 14:16** He shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and he shall sprinkle some with his finger seven times before the Lord. **read ›**

60 **Leviticus 14:27** and with his right finger the priest shall sprinkle some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the Lord. **read ›**

61 **Deuteronomy 3:24** “O Lord God, you have begun to show your servant your strength and your power, your mighty hand and your high arm; for what god is there in heaven or on earth who will do as you have done, and according to your strength? **read ›**

62 **Deuteronomy 6:22** And the Lord did signs and wonders, great and severe, in Egypt, on Pharaoh and on his house, before us; **read ›**

63 **Deuteronomy 9:10** And the Lord gave me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were written all the words that the Lord spoke to you on the mountain on the day of the assembly. **read ›**

64 **Deuteronomy 11:3** and his signs and his wonders that he did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to all his land, **read ›**

65 **Deuteronomy 18:11** one who casts spells, one who is a medium, an observer of portents, or one who inquires of the dead. **read ›**

66 **Deuteronomy 34:11** in all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, on Pharaoh and on his servants and on all his land, **read ›**

67 **Deuteronomy 34:12** the great marvels and the mighty hand that Moses did before all Israel. **read ›**

68 **Joshua 24:5** And I struck Egypt with the signs that I did among them. **read ›**

69 **1 Samuel 6:6** Why do you harden your hearts, as Egypt and Pharaoh hardened their heart? When he mocked them, did they not send them away, and they departed? **read ›**

70 **2 Samuel 22:35** He teaches my hands for war, and has broken a bow of bronze by my arm. **read ›**

71 **1 Chronicles 29:12** From you come riches and glory; you rule over all, O Lord, the ruler of all rule; in your hand are strength and dominion, and it is in your hand, O Almighty, to make great and to strengthen all things. **read ›**

72 **Job 12:9** Who then has not known in all these things that the hand of the Lord has made them? **read ›**

73 **Psalms 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands. (Septuagint Psalm 18:2 (Psalm 19:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

74 **Psalms 62:11** Once God has spoken; these two things I have heard: that power belongs to God, (Septuagint Psalm 61:12 (Psalm 62:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

75 **Psalms 74:11** Why do you turn away your hand, and your right hand from inside the fold of your robe forever? (Septuagint Psalm 73:11 (Psalm 74:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

76 **Psalms 89:13** Yours is the arm with might; let your hand be strengthened, let your right hand be exalted. (Septuagint Psalm 88:14 (Psalm 89:13 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

77 **Psalms 118:16** The right hand of the Lord has exalted me; the right hand of the Lord has done mighty things. (Septuagint Psalm 117:16 (Psalm 118:16 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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78 **Song of Solomon 6:2** My kinsman has gone down into his garden, to the bowls of spice, to shepherd in the gardens and to gather lilies. **read ›**

79 **Isaiah 11:2** and the Spirit of God will rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and godliness will fill him, **read ›**

80 **Isaiah 48:13** And my hand founded the earth, and my right hand made the heaven firm; I will call them, and they shall stand together, **read ›**

81 **Jeremiah 20:9** And I said, “I will by no means name the name of the Lord, and I will never again speak in his name.” But it became like a burning fire blazing in my bones, and I am weakened on every side, and I cannot bear it. **read ›**

82 **Jeremiah 28:7** Nevertheless hear the word of the Lord that I speak in your ears and in the ears of all the people. (Septuagint Jeremiah 35:7 (Jeremiah 28:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

83 **Lamentations 1:4** Daleth. The roads of Zion mourn, because no one comes to the feast; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her virgins are led away, and she herself is bitter within. **read ›**

84 **Ezekiel 1:8** And a man’s hand was under their wings on their four sides. **read ›**

85 **Ezekiel 10:8** And I saw the cherubim; the likeness of human hands was under their wings. **read ›**

86 **Ezekiel 10:21** Each had four faces, and each had eight wings, and the likeness of human hands under their wings. **read ›**

87 **Ezekiel 17:3** and you shall say: Thus says the Lord: The great eagle, with great wings, long in their spread, full of talons, which has the purpose of entering into Lebanon — and it took the choice parts of the cedar; **read ›**

88 **Ezekiel 33:4** and the one who hears does hear the sound of the trumpet, yet does not take warning, and the sword comes and overtakes him—his blood shall be on his own head. **read ›**

89 **Ezekiel 36:22** Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord: It is not for your sake that I act, O house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. **read ›**

90 **Ezekiel 37:1** And the hand of the Lord came upon me, and the Lord brought me out by the Spirit and set me in the middle of the plain, and it was full of human bones. **read ›**

91 **Ezekiel 37:10** And I prophesied as he had commanded me, and the breath entered them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a very great congregation. **read ›**

92 **Ezekiel 40:9** And the porch of the gateway, next to the porch of the gate, eight cubits, and the posts two cubits; and the porches of the gate were inside, **read ›**

93 **Ezekiel 40:14** And the open court of the porch of the gate outside, twenty cubits, with the side rooms of the gate all around. **read ›**

94 **Ezekiel 40:19** And he measured the breadth of the court, from the open court of the outer gate on the inside to the open court of the gate facing outward, a hundred cubits, of the gate facing east. And he brought me to the north, **read ›**

95 **Daniel 4:35** and all who dwell on the earth are counted as nothing; and he does according to his will in the host of heaven and among those who dwell on the earth, and there is no one who will resist his hand and say to him, ‘What have you done?’ **read ›**

96 **Daniel 5:5** In that very hour the fingers of a man’s hand came out and wrote opposite the lamp on the plaster of the wall of the king’s house; and the king was watching the knuckles of the hand that was writing. **read ›**

97 **Daniel 10:10** And behold, a hand touched me and raised me up on my knees. **read ›**

98 **Amos 6:3** You who are coming to the evil day, who draw near and lay hold of false Sabbaths, **read ›**

99 **Micah 7:7** But I will look to the Lord; I will wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me. **read ›**

100 **Habakkuk 3:4** And his brightness will be like light; horns are in his hands, and he has established the mighty love of his strength. **read ›**

101 **Wisdom of Solomon 6:3** For your dominion was given you by the Lord, and your sovereignty by the Most High, who will examine your works and search out your plans. **read ›**

102 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:23** loving mankind, steadfast, sure, free from care, all-powerful, overseeing all, and passing through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and most subtle. **read ›**

103 **Wisdom of Solomon 9:17** Who has known your counsel, unless you gave wisdom and sent your holy Spirit from on high? **read ›**

104 **Wisdom of Solomon 12:1** For your incorruptible Spirit is in all things. **read ›**

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105 **Wisdom of Solomon 15:15** For they even counted all the idols of the nations as gods, which have neither the use of eyes to see, nor noses to draw in air, nor ears to hear, nor fingers of hands to touch, and their feet are useless for walking. **read ›**

106 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:13** For though they had disbelieved everything because of their sorceries, at the destruction of the firstborn they acknowledged the people to be a son of God. **read ›**

107 **Wisdom of Sirach 10:5** The prosperity of a man is in the hand of the Lord, and on the face of the scribe he will lay his glory. **read ›**

108 **Wisdom of Sirach 33:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

109 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

110 **Wisdom of Sirach 47:5** For he called upon the Lord, the Most High, and the Lord gave strength in his right hand to remove a man mighty in war, to lift up the horn of his people. **read ›**

111 **2 Maccabees 3:28** and they carried away the man who had just entered the treasury mentioned above with many attendants and all his bodyguard, and who was now unable to help himself; and they clearly recognized the sovereign power of God. **read ›**

112 **2 Maccabees 3:29** And he, by the divine working, lay speechless and deprived of all hope and salvation. **read ›**

113 **3 Maccabees 6:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

114 **3 Maccabees 6:18** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

115 **1 Enoch 1:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

116 **1 Enoch 14:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

117 **1 Enoch 49:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

118 **1 Enoch 59:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

119 **1 Enoch 60:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

120 **1 Enoch 60:17** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

121 **1 Enoch 60:18** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

122 **1 Enoch 84:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

123 **Matthew 5:30** If your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off, and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. **read ›**

124 **Luke 3:22** and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, saying, “You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased.” **read ›**

125 **Luke 6:10** He looked around at them all, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did, and his hand was restored as sound as the other. **read ›**

126 **Luke 11:20** But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. **read ›**

127 **John 7:39** But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. **read ›**

128 **John 20:22** When he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit! **read ›**

129 **Acts 2:2** Suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **read ›**

130 **Acts 2:3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared to them, and one rested on each of them. **read ›**

131 **Acts 2:8** How then do we each hear in our own native language? **read ›**

132 **Acts 2:33** Being therefore exalted by the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you now see and hear. **read ›**

133 **Acts 3:20** and he may send Jesus Christ, who was appointed for you beforehand, **read ›**

134 **Acts 7:50** Did not my hand make all these things? **read ›**

135 **Acts 11:2** When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, **read ›**

136 **Acts 14:26** From there they sailed to Antioch, from where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. **read ›**

137 **Acts 14:27** When they arrived and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. **read ›**

138 **Acts 24:21** unless it is for this one thing that I cried standing among them, ‘Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you today!’” **read ›**

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139 **Acts 25:11** For if I am doing wrong and have done anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die. But if there is nothing in their accusations against me, no one can hand me over to them as a favor. I appeal to Caesar!” **read ›**

140 **Romans 1:9** For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you, **read ›**

141 **Ephesians 1:8** which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, **read ›**

142 **Ephesians 1:10** for an administration when the times reach their fullness, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth— **read ›**

143 **Ephesians 2:9** not of works, that no one would boast. **read ›**

144 **Ephesians 3:12** In him we have boldness and access with confidence through his faithfulness. **read ›**

145 **Ephesians 3:14** For this cause, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **read ›**

146 **Revelation 10:5** The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven **read ›**

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