

## The Human Hand

God has given most people two hands. In the encyclopedia we read that hands are the two intricate, prehensile, multi-fingered body parts normally located at the end of each arm of a human being. They are the chief organs for physically manipulating the environment, using anywhere from the roughest motor skills (wielding a club) to the finest (threading a needle), and since the fingertips contain some of the densest areas of nerve endings on the human body, they are also the richest source of tactile feedback so that sense of touch is intimately associated with human hands. Like other paired organs (eyes, ears, legs), each hand is dominantly controlled by the opposing brain hemisphere, and thus a preferred hand choice for single-handed activities such as writing with a pen, reflects a significant individual trait. A hand has 27 bones.

**Some people practice the art** of characterization and foretelling the future through the study of the palm of the hand, also known as **palmistry, palm-reading, chiology** or **hand analysis**. The practice is found all over the world, with numerous cultural variations.

Palmistry can trace its roots back to India. The Hindu sage Valmiki is thought to have written a book, whose title translates in English as "The Teachings of Valmiki Maharshi on Male Palmistry", comprising 567 stanzas, more than 5,000 years ago. From India, the art of palmistry spread to China, Tibet, Egypt, Persia and to other countries in Europe. Palmistry came to China in around 3,000 B.C. However, modern palmists often combine traditional predictive techniques with psychology, holistic healing, and alternative methods of divination.

Divination or palm reading is strictly forbidden in the Word of God.

*“Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the LORD your God. Deuteronomy 18:10-13*

### **All creation is the work of God’s hands**

*Psalm 19:1, The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

*Psalm 119:73, Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.*

## **All creation was put into the hands of man**

Genesis 9:2, *“The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands.”*

## **Lifted up hands are used to pray to God**

EXODUS 9:29 *Moses replied, "When I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands in prayer to the LORD. The thunder will stop and there will be no more hail, so you may know that the earth is the LORD's.*

PSALM 134:2 *Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.*

## **Lifted up hands of Moses brought great victory to the army of Israel. It symbolized total dependence upon God.**

Exodus 17:11-13, As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up--one on one side, one on the other--so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

## **Commissioning into service for God by laying on of hands**

NUMBERS 27:22-23 *Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.*

ACTS 13:2 *While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup> So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.*

## **Filled with the Holy Spirit by laying on of hands**

DEUTERONOMY 34:9 *Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.*

## **Others blessed by laying on of hands.**

MATTHEW 19:13 *Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them.*

## **We give with our hands to help the weak.**

Acts 20:35, In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

## **We work with our hands to bring blessing and respect**

PROVERBS 10:4 Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.

1THESSALONIANS 4:11-12 Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

## **Hands of Roman soldiers crucified the Lord Jesus and pierced His holy hands by nailing Him to the cross**

LUKE 24:7 *'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'* "

John 20:25, *But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it."*

## **Our hands can become guilty of sinning against God**

PSALM 7:3 *O LORD my God, if I have done this and there is guilt on my hands--*

## **Human hands cannot serve or defend God.**

ACTS 17:25 *And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.*

## **Wash your hands and purify your hearts**

JAMES 4:8-10 *Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.*