

# GOD HELPS THOSE WHO WHAT??



Help themselves?

How do you help yourself to healing?

How do you help yourself to peace within?

How do you help yourself to forgiveness?

.... or life from God? or true wisdom? or courage?

**For such things God helps those who have reached the end of themselves.**

Sure, God expects us to do the things that are within our power.

But we need to quit trying to "help ourselves" in areas that are beyond our power.

Consider the prayer of Jehoshaphat:

***"O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you...."***

***"For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."***

*2 Chronicles 20: 6&12*

This prayer was answered.

Such prayers are always answered.

***"And (Jesus) told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart."***

God helps those who take Jesus at his word, and act on it.

**So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me,**

**“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”**

*II Corinthians 12:7-9*



*Prayer: Holy, all powerful Lord...help us to call out to you in situations in which we are powerless, in which we cannot help ourselves or others...especially in desperate, hopeless circumstances when we don't see any way out, when the horde is too big. Only you can handle this, only you. Help us to not lose heart, help us to trust in your power, your will, and your gracious help. And yes Lord, use our weakness so that we let go of our pride, our vanity, our self sufficiency and instead trust in how you and only you can rescue. And Lord, we look forward to seeing your perfect power at work, to be amazed by your interventions, and to fall on our knees in awe of your power and grace. Amen.*

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