

Strong Support

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"And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun," (Exodus 17:11-12).

Moses was a man of faith in God, a strong leader who led the people from Egypt and through the wilderness. Yet, even strong leaders, men of faith, are men and need help and support at times, just like everyone else. This passage from **Exodus 17** shows that not any one man can do all that needs to be done in the Lord's work. People like Aaron and Hur are needed today as much as they were ever needed. Not everyone can be a leader, but all of us can be a helper in some way.

Why, we might wonder, was this so important that these two men had to help Moses? God was the source of power and victory, not Moses. In **verse 9** Moses had said, "I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand." When he held up the rod of God there was victory over the enemy, but his

arms got tired. As the rod of God was lowered the enemy began to win. The lifting of the rod symbolized God's power. It, the rod, was not the power, nor was Moses the power, the power that brought victory came from God alone.

Perhaps this was similar to what Jesus spoke of in **John 12:32**. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Victory belongs to God, lifting the rod of God showed that Moses was trusting in the Lord for victory over the enemy. When Moses got tired and couldn't hold up his arms any longer Amalek started to win. God was teaching the people that Moses couldn't do everything himself. They had a part to play in helping to win the battle. The same is true today for our battle against evil. No one person can do it all. The minister can do his part but he needs help. He needs the prayers and support of believers. It is so refreshing when someone stands up and offers to help. It may be to teach, to visit, or in any other way, but it helps the minister to better do his duty. The minister's main duty is to preach the word of God. Often he may be asked to do about all of the visiting, planning, teaching, and many others things that need doing in the church. It takes time to read, study, pray, and to prepare sermons.

In **1 Corinthians 12** Paul compared the church to the body. Each part of the body is different and has a different function with all parts being necessary. So it is in the church, we are all

different and have different abilities. Each Christian has a job to do and is needed in the church. When all do their part the work gets done, but if some don't do their part the body suffers.

God made the body to have many members and all the members, or parts, are needed. In the same way the church is made up of many members which make up the body of Christ. All members are different and have various abilities, but all are needed. The Lord didn't make a body to exist with only one part, but every kind of body is composed of different parts, whether animal, or human.

As the parts of the body supports each other, so it is to be in the spiritual body. The leaders can't do everything and it is wrong to expect them to do so. As Moses needed help so do the church leaders of today. Some think that they can say, "I can't" and that excuses them from any responsibility, but it doesn't. God has a plan for each of us. Like the fruit trees that are mentioned in the gospels, the Lord expects us to bring forth fruit. We may not be as fruitful as someone else, but God expects all of his children to bring forth some fruit. We may not be able to do great works, but we can at least help those who can.

I still take hope and comfort in the words of Jesus as he spoke of the woman who washed his feet. As some spoke ill of her, Jesus said, "Let her alone, she hath done what she could," (**Mark 14:8**.) Are we doing what we can to help in the Lord's work? God doesn't say that we have to do some great thing, only what we can do.

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