

HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND.

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INTRO.:

A. Text: *Isaiah 41:10-13*.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Not much is known of this song's background.
2. Written in 1904 by Jennie Wilson who survived typhoid fever as a little girl, but her spine was damaged by the bacterial infection. She used a wheelchair from childhood, and she was educated at home.

I. STANZA 1 – WE LIVE IN A CHANGING WORLD

A. Time is filled with swift transition – our life is a vapor (*James 4:14*).

1. *Job 14:1-2*.
2. *1 Peter 1:24*.

B. Naught of earth unmoved shall stand.

1. Most men live as if this world is eternal (*2 Peter 3:5-7*).
2. *2 Peter 3:10* warn us about the future.
3. Heaven is described as eternal.
 - 1) *1 Thessalonians 4:17*.
 - 2) *1 Corinthians 15:54*.
4. Hold to God's unchanging hand (*James 1:17*).
 - 1) *Malachi 3:6*.
 - 2) *Psalms 102:25-27*.

II. STANZA 2 – DON'T TRUST IN THE THINGS OF THE WORLD.

A. Trust in Him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring.

1. *Proverbs 3:5-6*.
2. *Hebrews 13:5-6*.

B. If by earthly friends forsaken, still more closely to Him cling!

1. Mankind will disappoint.
2. Jesus warned that we would be betrayed by friends and even family (*Matthew 10:21-22, 34-39*).
3. We must trust in Him. "Hold to God's unchanging hand."

III. STANZA 3 – WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?

A. Covet not this world's vain riches – covetousness is described as a form of idolatry (*Colossians 3:5*).

1. Yet how many put their trust in the uncertain treasures of this earth? Those who covet fall into a snare.
 - 1) *1 Timothy 6:17*.
 - 2) *1 Timothy 6:9-10*.
 - 3) *Matthew 6:19*.
2. Seek the heavenly treasure (*Colossians 3:2; Matthew 6:21*).

B. We CANNOT trust in this world's riches therefore, "hold to God's unchanging hand."

IV. STANZA 4 – OUR HOPE IN HEAVEN IF WE ARE TRUE TO GOD.

A. When your journey is completed. This life is temporary (*Hebrews 9:27*).

1. *Job 14:1-2*.
2. *2 Timothy 4:6-8*.

B. If to God, you *have been true* – faithful (*Rev. 2:10; 14:13*)!

1. In the books will be opened, and we will be judged by the things written in the books

(Rev. 20:12).

2. Will our book reflect faithfulness to the Lord?

C. Fair and bright the home in glory, your enraptured soul shall view.

1. The word “enraptured” means overwhelmed or delighted.
 - 1) This word is in no way referring to the quick disappearance of individuals.
 - 2) We will ALL be taken up at the Lord’s second coming (**1 Thess. 4:13-18**).
2. Can we even begin to understand the beauty and splendor of Heaven? “Won’t it be wonderful there?”

V. CHORUS – HOLD TO GOD’S UNCHANGING HAND.

- A. Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand – in every verse and chorus we are reminded that God does not change! It is that constant that gives us hope beyond this life.**
- B. Build your hope on things eternal. (Hope is confident expectation).**
- C. What a wonderful blessing we have in this life that we can “hold to God’s unchanging hand.” Whose hand do you hold?**