

“Deliver Us From Evil”: The Holy Arm of God For Unholy Saints

Deuteronomy 23:12-16 compared with Matthew 6:13

Introduction: Holiness is a Person: The Wonder of God Dwelling Among Us to Give Us Daily Bread **AND** Daily Forgiveness **AND** to Deliver Us

- I. By Coming Down to Us Where We Are (Exodus 3:8)

- II. By An Out-Stretched Arm (Isaiah 59:15-20)

- III. Though Estranged By The Fall (Psalm 69:7-8)

- IV. God, “reclaims His right” to be our Savior (S.R. Driver) (Read Exodus 6:2-9.)

But here is the difficulty - It takes us so long to learn to trust God’s Family Ways with Us as Our Deliverer and Redeemer.

We project onto Jesus our skewed instincts about how the world works. Human nature dictates that the wealthier a person, the more they tend to look down on the poor. The more beautiful a person, the more they are put off by the ugly. And without realizing what we are doing, we quietly assume that One so high and exalted has corresponding difficulty drawing near to the despicable and unclean. Sure, Jesus comes close to us, we agree - but He holds His nose. This risen Christ, after all, is the one whom “God has highly exalted.”

(But) Jesus does not simply meet us at our place of need; He lives in our place of need. He never tires of sweeping us into His tender embrace. It is His very heart. It is what gets Him out of bed in the morning. Ortlund, “Gentle and Lowly,” p 23.

LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

April 26, 2026



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude

Salutation

Call to Worship

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn**

From Out The Depths I Cry, O Lord, to Thee
552 Trinity Hymnal (all verses)

1 From out the depths I cry, O Lord, to thee; Lord, hear my call.
I love thee, Lord, for thou dost heed my plea, forgiving all.
If thou dost mark our sins, who then shall stand?
But grace and mercy dwell at thy right hand.

2 I wait for God, the Lord, and on his Word my hope relies;
my soul still waits and looks unto the Lord till light arise.
I look for him to drive away my night,
yea, more than watchmen look for morning light.

3 Hope in the Lord, ye waiting saints, and he will well provide;
for mercy and redemption full and free with him abide.
From sin and evil, mighty though they seem,
his arm almighty will his saints redeem. **

*** Invocation & God’s Law**

Ex 3:1-10 (p 54 pew Bible)

Psalm of Confession

Ps 69:7-14 (p 571 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

Deut 23:12-16 (p 195 pew Bible)

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Deut 23:15-16 (p 195 pew Bible)

Matt 6:9-13 (p 964 pew Bible)

Sermon

“Deliver Us From Evil”: The Holy Arm of God

Prayer of Application

* Closing Hymn

Thy Way, Not Mine, O

Lord

686 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

- 1 Thy way, not mine, O Lord, however dark it be!
Lead me by thine own hand, choose out the path for me;
smooth let it be or rough, it will be still the best;
winding or straight, it leads right onward to thy rest.
- 2 The kingdom that I seek is thine; so let the way
that leads to it be thine, else I must surely stray.
I dare not choose my lot; I would not if I might:
choose thou for me, my God, so shall I walk aright.
- 3 Take thou my cup, and it with joy or sorrow fill
as best to thee may seem; choose thou my good and ill.
Not mine, not mine the choice in things or great or small;
be thou my guide, my strength, my wisdom, and my all. **

* Benediction

*Please stand if able

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 26, 2026

THIS WEEK

- **Mon-Tue, Apr 27-28: Spring Presbytery, Upton, MA**
- **Wed, Apr 29 - no Zoom Study this week**
- **Thu, Apr 30, 6:00 pm: American Heritage Girls**

UPCOMING

- **Sat, May 9:** Restoring Hope, formerly CCEF New England, annual conference in Upper Valley, NH.. <https://rhne.org/conference-detail>
- **Sat May 16, 8:30-12. Breakfast and Spring work day** on the grounds. Men’s Breakfast for May will include the ladies! Bring yard tools and outdoor clothes.
- **Covenant Kids’ Camp** is July 20-24 Camper Registration now active on COPCVT.org. Volunteer applications have been sent out; see Olivia if you would like to volunteer in any capacity for that week.
- **English for Kids Camp, Quebec** June 27-July 4
- **Green Mountain Youth Campout** August 6-8, Lake Elmore State Park.

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