How the Lord Helps His People

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Our Key Text: Psalm 46:1, Psalm 91:15, Luke 18:1, 2 Peter 1:4, John 14:27, Romans 8:28, Psalm 91:11,

"God is our Refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

I. Our God Speaks through prevailing prayer

"He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him" (Psalm 91:15).

- Webster defines prevail: "To produce or achieve the desired effect; to be effective; succeed."
- We are effective when we fellowship with God. He speaks to us and answers our prayers.
- Christians should continue in a spirit of prayer at all time. Jesus said,
 "Men ought always to pray and not faint" (Luke 18:1)

II. He assures us through precious promises

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).

- Many Christians neglect the promises of God. Through busyness with other concerns, they forfeit the benefits of God's Word.
- God's precious promises assure Christians of his protection and provision.
- God Helps his people through the assurance of His Promises. We must read them, reflect, and rely on them.

III. He calms them through personal peace

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27).

- Today's world is overrun with illicit sex, drug abuse, and terrorism.
 Millions are searching unsuccessfully for peace.
- Real lasting peace is found only in Jesus Christ. He offers peace only to those who obey and trust Him.
- Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you" (John 14:27). Accept His personalized peace today.

IV. He assists us through providential power

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those that love Him" (Romans 8:28).

- Christians are subject to trial, troubles, and testing like everyone else. They are not exempt simply because they know Christ.
- God helps his people through providential means. He works everything (good and bad) together for their benefit and His glory (Romans 8:28).
- God often rescues his own> At times he sends angels to assist. "For he will give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways" (Psalm 91:11).