

**HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS**  
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**“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.”**

**Matt. 10:29, 30**

I am sure you remember the song, “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.” In 1927 it was first published by Laurie London and has been recorded by a number of singers. Marion Anderson popularized the song in the middle fifties. The lyrics summarizes well what Jesus said about God’s providential care of our lives. Jesus affirmed “He’s got the whole world in his hands.” No death, no change in health, no loss of happiness, or injury to the body escapes God’s attention. There is no disease, no tornado, no earthquake that can separate us from the hand and heart of God. Remember Romans 8:35 states, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?” Paul referred to Christ’s love for us, not our love for Him. The answer to this rhetorical question is, “No one and nothing.” Each issue Paul mentioned in these verses (35-39) had its own special terror. Paul had no call to be glib about the difficulties he faced, or the ones we currently suffer, or will experience. We must not minimize the problems of life, but not let them have the last word, either! Why? Because He’s got the whole world in his hands.

He’s got the whole world in his hands because the world belongs to him. May we never forget “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein” (Ps. 24:1). Everything belongs to God. The earth, our friends, relatives, and children belong to Him. *We are not at liberty to misuse, or abuse, anything God has given.* “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts” (Haggai 2:8). “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17). The time we have been given belongs to God, the money with which we have been entrusted belongs to God, the food we eat even belongs to God. How have we handled these blessings? Sometimes we treat them, as if they belonged to us by right! How have we used these blessings? Have we hoarded the time God has given us? Have we squandered the money God has put into our hands? Consider His blessing of bountiful food that we have wasted? Paul instructed us to be trustworthy servants of *all* we have (1 Cor. 4:2). The context of the passage concerns the causes of division; Paul closed his point in 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, emphasizing God’s ministers should be responsible, faithful servants. However, the point applies to each one of us. We have a responsibility to be faithful with all the blessings, owned by God, but graciously provided to us. Let us not neglect our responsibility in these matters and never forget: “He’s got the whole world in his hands!”