

Hold thou me up (Quality: Very good)

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- [0 : 00] Seeking the help of the Lord and the grace of dependence upon him, we venture to a few words you will find in the 119th Psalm, reading from verse 117.
- Psalm 119, these words from the 117th verse, Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe.
- Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe. And I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.
- The prayers of David, the son of Jesse.
- One from that early age, taught of the truth.
- [2 : 01] One who tended his father's sheep, even around the city of Bethlehem.
- One whom the Lord chose and raised up a vessel of mercy to bring honor and glory unto the name of Israel's God.
- And this same God took him from following those sheep of his father, his lawful occupation, and brought him through many difficult situations, many a trial, and numerous afflictions, to be found upon those on the throne of Israel and Judah.
- the prayers of David, the son of Jesse. The prayers of such that are brought up out of the horrible pit.
- From that pit of corruption, by the outstretched arm of Almighty God.
- [4 : 12] Such purposed to be found amongst those that should worship God here and hereafter.
- passing through many a trial, many a dark season. Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light.
- Let him trust in the name of the Lord. Brought by invincible grace.
- Upheld by covenant grace and love. To show forth whose they are and whom they serve.
- To be brought into that kingdom of God's grace here. And that kingdom of God's grace, God's glory hereafter.
- [5 : 32] The prayers of the seeking seed of Jacob. What says the word here?
- As has been laid upon one spirit to bring before you. One portion. One small portion. Yet a vital part of true experience of the truth.
- A cry from the heart. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- Hold thou me up. And I shall be safe. I trust the few things spoken by way of introduction will reveal that we have not one here who is sufficient unto himself.
- Who is complacent in life's pathway. But one who, though the language may be abhorred and is by men at large today.
- [6 : 58] The one who can join a little into and with the hymn writer. A beggar vile and base icon.
- Without a friend, without a home. And knock at mercy's door. My wants are great and many too.
- O Lamb of God, some pity show. Or I must surely die. Hug and listen.

No other hand can help but thee. I've tried the rest. And plainly see.
 They cannot me supply. Hold thou me up.

[8 : 00] And I shall be safe. Did David here feel his insecurity?
 Oh, did David here express of those fears that rose up within.
 Fearing. And knowing. Fearing. And knowing. That except he be upheld.
 He would fall. Hold thou me up. And I shall be safe.
 Insecure. Insecure. Insecure. Not feeling safe. This. Oh, this one who was called of God
 to minister in holy things.

[9 : 12] One whom the Lord had looked upon. And favoured much. And yet. Oh, he had. Along
 with all the Israel of God.
 Took walk in that path. Of dependence. Upon his God. Insecure. Insecure.
 Hold thou me up. And I shall be safe. Insecure. Not feeling safe.
 Feeling weak. Unable. To stand. Such need. Oh, such need.
 An arm. An arm. Upon which. They may lean. And draw. Support.

[10 : 13] Friends, we have the picture before us. Of one. Who has been. Weaned. From the arm of
 flesh.
 And is brought into that place. Of dependence. Upon. Upon. He whose arm is not
 shortened.
 That it cannot save. Neither his ear heavy. That it cannot hear. The Lord Jesus Christ.
 In his ministry. Did. Speak. As concerning. Himself.
 As that. Good. Good. Physician. And he. In. Speaking. Of this manner.

[11 : 11] Proclaimed. That. Truth. They. That are. Whole. Need. No. Physician. But.
 They. That are. Sick. Two. Two. Two. Characters. And. We might. Say. There.
 Are. But. Such. Two. Characters. Amongst. All. The. Mass. Of. Humanity. They.
 They. That. That. Are. Whole. That. Need. No. Physician. And. They. That. Are. Sick.
 That. Are.
 Dependent. Upon. The. Offices. Of. The. Good. Physician. The.

[12 : 07] Whole. And. The. Sick. The. Whole. Have. No. Need. They. Feel. No. Necessity. Of.
 All. Divine. Aid. Oh. Let us. As. We. May. Be. Held. As. The. Lord. May. Direct.
 Us. What. Need. We. Have. Of. That. Gracious. Aid. Of. The. Spirit. Oh. Let us. Consider.
 These.
 Characters. The. Whole. We. All. Born. In. Sin. Shapen. In. In. In. In. In.
 We. Come. Forth. From. The. Wom. Speaking. Lies. Tis. The. Language. Of. Scripture.
 Where. The. Men. Will. Defy. Deny. It. Or. Whatever. It is.

[13 : 02] A. Truth. That. Shall. Stand. And. Shall. Be. Revealed. Especially. So. At. That. Last.
 Day. We. Are. Sin. Sin. Is. A. Sore. Disease.
 Is. Is. Is. Is. In. The. Word. Of. God. And. We. Know. Many.
 Peppers. There. Were. In. Those. Biblical. Days. And. There. Was. Indeed.
 No. Known. Cure. For. Such. Caracus. We. Speak. Now. Of. The. Leprosy.

[13 : 55] Of. The. Soul. The. Sin. That. Rages. Throughout. Every.

Part. Of. Our. Bodies. A. Sore. Contagion. Sin. As we. Are. From. The.
 Very. Soul. Of. Our. Feet. To. The. Crown. Of. Our. Head. How many. They.
 Know. It. Not. What. Might. Be. Brought. Before. Them. On. Occasions. They. Dismiss.
 As.
 Having. No. Relevance. To. They. They. Themselves. They. Are. Such.
 [14 : 47] That. Have. No. Need. Of. The. Physician. Whole. In. Themselves. Self.
 Sufficient. Able. Able. To. Manage. Able. To. Perform. As. They. Think. All.
 This. And. That. In. Their. Own. Strength. They. That. Are. Whole. Need. No. Physician.
 The.
 Words. Of. He. Who. Spake. Like. Never. Man. Spake. The. Lord. Jesus. Christ. Even.
 Those. Blasphemers.
 And. Those. That. Were. Sent. Of. The. Elders. Of. Jerusalem. Had. To. Return. To. Their.
 Masters. And. Say. Never. Man. Spake.
 [15 : 42] Like. This. Man. Spake. They. That. Are. Whole. Need. No. Physician. What.
 A. Volume. Of. Truth. Lieth. In. Evident. Throughout. The. World.
 In. These. Last. Days. No. No. Concern. No. Desire. Have. No. Knowledge. Of. That.
 Need. A. Deadly.
 Contagion. Fills. Their. Veins. Dangers. Abound. Eternity. Tremendous. Sound. One.
 Says. The. Guilty.
 Souls. A. Dreadful. Wound. Sin. Wounds. Sin. Infects. And. The. Fruit.
 [16 : 40] Of. Sin. O. It. Is. Scriptural. It. Is. Death. Death. They. That. Are. Whole. They. Need.
 No. Physician. Never. Is. That. Attendance. Upon. The. Doctor. Surgery. But. That. There.
 Is. Some. Affliction.
 Which. It. Is. Necessitates. Attention. Friends. So. In. Spiritual. Things. These. Have.
 No. Knowledge. Of. The. Danger. They. Stand. In. Of. The. Solemn. Condition. That.
 Prevails. And. Except.
 Their. Eyes. Be. Opened. And. Grace. Be. Imparted. Thus. They. Live. And. So. They.
 Die. And. After.
 [17 : 32] Death. The. Judgment. But. There. Are. Other. People. These. Who. Realize. This.
 Sickness.
 Who. Are. Weakened. In. The. Way. Whose. Eyes. Are. Open. To. See. That. They. Have.
 Sinned.
 Do. Sin. And. That. They. Stand. In. Danger. Of. Falling. Now. This. All. That. We. Have.
 A. Broad. Before.
 You. Even. This. Lord's Day. Morning. Is. The. Cry. Of. Such. They. Feel. Their. Insecurity.
 They.
 Realize. Their. Weakness. They. Feel. Far. From. Being. Safe. But. Oh. It. Is. For. Them.
 To.
 [18 : 25] Seek. Unto. The. Lord. The. God. Of. All. Grace. To. Seek. Unto. Him. For. That. Arm. To.
 Uphold. Them. Through.
 Life's. Journey. And. To. Bring. Them. Safely. At. Last. To. That. Haven. Of. Eternal. Rest.
 Hold. Thou. Me. Up. And. I. Shall. Be. Safe. Let's. Consider it a moment.

There. Do you feel that insecurity? All other props. All other helps. Him writer describes it. I've tried them.

They failed me. I cannot trust them. I do not feel safe. With them. Hold. Thou.

[19 : 23] Me. They are. They are. Sin. Raging within. Producing weakness. And.

Weariness. Much affliction. Bringeth. Bringeth. The. Quickened soul.

To the footstool of mercy. And. Their hope. Oh. Their hope. Is. Entered. In.

Their God. What. Says. He. I. Will. Uphold. They. With. The right. Hand. Of. My. Righteousness.

Hold. Thou. Me. Up. And. I. Shall. Be. Safe. Dear.

[20 : 20] Hezekiah. King. In. Judah. He. Had. Known. Times. Of. Deliverance.

And. If. We. Look. Back. A. Chapter. Or. So. In. Holy. Red. We. Find. Him. Even. Rejoicing. At.

God's. Deliverance. For him. His. Help. In. That. Path. Of. Trouble. And. Distress. But. Now.

Fresh. Perplexities. Attend. His. Path. In. Those. Days. Friends. There's something there. Which. Surely. Relates. To. The. Experience. Of. The.

Saints. Of. God. In. Those. Days. In. The. Days. Of. Prosperity. The. Lord. Sent. Against. Those. Days. Days. Days. Of. Adversity. In.

[21 : 15] Those. Days. Was. Hezekiah. Sick. You. Know. The. Account. Oft. Times. Did. Read. And.

So. Often. Quoted. Where. Did. He. Come. Oh. Lord. I. Am. Oppressed. Undertake.

For. Me. Hold. Thou. Me. Up. And. I. Shall. Be. Safe. There. Is. Oh. In.

The. First. Oh. Surely. Before. Us. A. Confidence. Though. It. Expresses. Itself. In. That. Way. Of. Utter. Dependence. Yet. There.

Is. That. Looking. Alone. There. Is. That. Trust. In. The. Arm. Of. Omnipotent. Grace. Hold. Thou. Me. Are. And. I.

[22 : 07] Shall. Be. Safe. I. Am. Oppressed. Undertake. For. Me. How.

Many. A. Living. Soul. Have. Come. To. That. Spot. That. Place. All. That. Place.

We're. In. No. Help. In. Self. I. Find. Though. Have. Sorted. Well. The.

Native. Treasure. Of. My. Mind. Tis. Sin. Tis. Death. Tis. Hell. No. Other. Help. No.

Other. Aid. It's. Thine. Arm. Oh. Thine. Arm. That. Arm. Of. Omnipotent. Grace. Poor.

[23 : 01] Sinner. The. Seed. Seed. Of. Jacob. Seeking. It's. Given. Some. Confidence.

There. Now. Dear. Hezekiah. Was. Brought. Into. The. Great. Depths. Deep. Indeed. Was. His. Sorrow.

How. Expressive. Is. His. Groaning. Come. Back. To. Those. Words. Of. The. Past. Evening. All. My. Desire. Is. Before. The.

My. Groanings. Are. Not. Hid. From. The. What. Says. This. Man. In. Those. Depths. Of. Sorrow. I.

Shall. Not. See. The. Lord. Even. The. Lord. In. The. Day. In. The. Land. Of. The. Living. When. Age.

[23 : 57] Is. Departed. And. Is. Removed. From. Me. As. A. Shepherd's. Tent. He. Will. Cut. Me. Off. With. Pining. Sickness. I. Reckon. I. Reckon.

Yea. Till. Morning. That. As. A. Lion. So. Will. He. Break. All. My. Boats. From. Day. Even.
 To. Night. Will. Thou. Make. An. End. Of. Me.

I. Did. Mourn. As. A. Dove. Like. A. Crane. Or. A. Undertake.

For. Me. Undertake. For. Me. Underneath. Are. Those. Everlasting.

Arms. Of. Love. And. Mercy. And. None. No. None. Of. The. Living. In. Jerusalem. None.

[24 : 52] Of. These. Quickened. Souls. Can. Fall. Beyond. Those. Arms. Of. Safety.

Divine. Protection. But. Our. Flesh. Must. Be. We. And. We. Must. Be. Brought. Off. All.

Other. Prop. All. Other. Support. Brought. To. That. Place. When. We.

Feel. To. Fall. Unreservedly. Friends. It's. The. Work. Of. Grace. Oh. Men. Speak. Of.
 Conversion. Some.

Of. Those. Counts. Oh. They. Caught. Us. Even. To. Tremble. The. Lightness. The.
 Frivolity. In. Which. There.

[25 : 48] Are. To. Friends. The. Work. Of. Grace. Is. Indeed. A. Most. Solemn. And. Sacred. Thing.

And. The. Spirit. Of. God. Bringeth.

The. Sinner. Down. Into. That. Place. Wherein. They're. Brought. To. Unreservedly.
 Without. Hope. In.

Any. Other. Quarter. To. Fall. Into. The. Hands. Of. Their. Redeemer. Oh. Lord.

I. Am. Oppressed. Undertake. For. Me. Such. And. One. The. King. Of. Judah. The. King.
 Of. Israel.

The. Seeking. Seed. Of. Jacob. Yea. They. That. Are. Sons. And. Daughters. Joint. Heirs.
 With. Christ.

[26 : 43] We. Might. Say. Oh. This. Is. Their. Secret. Privilege. This. People. Are. Brought. To.

That. Place. Where. In.

Their. Independence. Is. Centred. On. The. Lord. Jesus. Christ. The. Saviour. Of. Sinners.
 Hold. Thou. Me.

Up. Oh. What saith. The. Poor. Tremblings. I. Shall. Fall. I. Shall. Fail. I. Shall. Give. Way.
 Satan's.

Power. And. Sin's. Influence. Is. Such. That. I. Have. No. Power. Nor. Strength. Against.
 As. Such. Hold.

Thou. Me. Up. And. I. Shall. Be. Safe. Come. Temptations. The. Gales. Of.

[27 : 38] Those. Temptations. The. Tempest. And. Such. And. One. Tossed. Tossed. Upon. That.

Mane. Of. Temptation. Hold. Thou.

Me. Up. No. Match. Against. Those. Wiles. Of. The. Adversary. No. Match. Against.
 Those. Subtle. Designs. In.

As. He. Cometh. In. At. Times. Like. Unto. A. Angel. Of. Light. Seeking. Whom. He. May.
 Seduce. Bringing.

Forth. Those. Arguments. And. Those. Things. Which. Are. So. Conducive. To. The.
 Flesh. Hold. Thou. Me. Up. And.

I. Shall. Be. Safe. Without. That. Arm. Of. Grace. Without. That. Divine. Support. These.
 Temptations. Will. Have. That.

[28 : 31] Effect. I. Shall. Fall. I. Shall. Fail. Hold. Thou. Me. Up. And. I. Shall. Be.

Safe. But. What. Says. The. Lord. Even. To. Those. Whom. He. Will. Restore. The. Steps.
 Of. A. Good. Man. Are. Ordered.

By. The. Lord. Though. He. Fall. Yet. Shall. He. Not. Be. Utterly. Cast. Down. Oh. Hold.
Thou. Me. Up. And.

I. Shall. Be. Safe. David. Peter. Fell. Oh. He. Denied. His. Lord. And. Savior. Friends.

Oh. Turn. Not. The. Blind. Eye. To. These. Truths. The. Sacred. Records. Of. Scripture.
Let. Him. That. Thinketh. He. Standeth. Beware.

[29 : 23] Lest. He. Fall. Do. I. Say. It. And. I. Say. It. With. Shame. Would. I. Say. It. To. Some.
Encouragement. To. Those. That. May. Feel. Even. So. Weak.

That. They. Have. Fallen. Yet. That. Arm. Of. Grace. Can. Bring. You. Up. Again. And.
Hold. You. Up. And. Hold.

You. On. I. Do. Remember. How. Having. Walked. That. Path. Under. Divine. Constraint.
I. Feel. Persuaded. Friends.

I. Had. No. Choice. I. Had. No. Choice. In. The. Matter. The. Lord. So. Appointed. It.
Walking. Through. Those. Waters. Of. Baptism.

And. Yet. Oh. Within. A. Few. Days. Confronted. With. A. Company. Of. Unbelievers.
Mention. Made. Of. That. Profession. Oh.

[30 : 16] How. My. Heart. Failed. Me. Friends. Falling. Peter. Oh. What. Sympathy. We. Have.
With. Peter. But. The. Lord.

Put. His. Set. His. Eye. Upon. Him. And. Restored. Him. And. From. All. From. That.
Experience. And. Others. Also. So.

May. We. Believe. The. Lord. Gave. All. That. Sacredness. That. Sweet. Savor. Of. Christ.
In. Those. Epistles. Those. Short.

Epistles. Practical. Epistles. Which. He. Wrote. To. The. Churches. In. Those. Early. Days.
The. Lord. Looked.

Upon. Peter. Poor. Peter. Friend. Do. we. Say. By. Way. Of. Warning. Let. Him. That.
Thinketh. He. Stand.

[31 : 08] Or. To. Hear. Some. Say. Never. Express. Never. Felt. A. Fear. Never. Oh. Never. Even.
After. That. Time.

Of. First. Blessing. Never. Feeling. That. Necessity. Realizing. Not. Realizing. That. There.
Is. Oh. A.

Subtle. Foe. Abroad. Who. Take. Take. Take. Those. Meshes. Into. Ensnaire. And.
Layeth. Those. Snares. Do. Entice. And.

Catch. The. Unwary. Feet. Oh. What. Says. This. Soul. Quickened. By. Grace. Conscious.
Of. Those. Needs. Surely.

After. Peter's. Restoration. It. Would. Have. Been. His. Daily. Petition. When. In. The.
Spirit. Hold. Thou.

[32 : 00] Me. Up. Hold. Thou. Me. Up. Then. Oh. Then. I. Shall. Be. Safe. We.

Speak. Of. Such. Sins. Power. Temptation. Trials. Afflictions.

He. Weakeneth. My. Strength. He. Bringeth. Down. The. Heart. With. Labor. Oh. Tis. That.
Way. Of. The. Lord. It. Is. God's.

Purpose. That. That. His. Wisdom. Seeth. Most. Necessary. He. Bringeth. Down. The.
Heart. With. Labor. And. Then. What. Do. We. Read. Then.

They. Cry. Tis. Then. Then. They. Cry. Unto. The. Lord. In. Their. Distress. He. He. He.
He. Their. Perisc. Hold.

[32 : 58] Thou. Me. Up. And. I. Shall. Be. Safe. O. Lord. I. Am. Oppressed. Undertake.

For. Me. Guide. Me. By. Thy. Counsel. And. Afterward. Receive. To. Glory. Hold. Thou. Me. Up.

I. I. Am. Weak. But. Thou. Art. Mighty. What. Sath. Oh. It. Comes. To. One's. Aid. Prompted. I. Trust. By. The. Spirit. Of. God. Encouraging.

Indeed. To. Realize. To. Realize. Tis. Given. Hold. Thou. Me. Up. A. Mighty. Saviour. Able.

To. Save. Even. To. The. Uttermost. Hold. Me. With. Thy. Powerful. Hand. Friends. I. Venture.

[33 : 51] To. Say. It. Will. Be. The. Prayer. Of. The. Living. Soul. Throughout. Life's. Pathway. It. Will. Be. The. Prayer. Of. Search.

In. The. Time. When. Heart. And. Flesh. Shall. Fail.

Hold. Thou. Me. Up. Oh. Blessed. Be. God. If. There. Is. Oh. And. There. Is. This. Other. Side. Is. It. Not. Is. There. Not. A. Confidence.

There. A. Confidence. Wrought. In. Israel. God. He. Carries. For. You. He.

Carries. For. You. Hold. Thou. Me. Up. And. I. Shall. Be. Safe. I. Will. Never. Leave. The. Nor.

[34 : 46] For. For. For. For. The. Therefore. Thou. May. Boldly. Say. I. Will. Not. Fear. What. Man. Can. Do. Unto.

Me. Hold. Thou. partager. Back. Mal. Food.

He who hath all power in earth as in heaven, hold thou a poor wretched wanderer from the Lord.

Weak, weak in themselves they feel to be. Friends, I feel this is true religion. Oh, much goes today by the name of religion.

And under that umbrella of religion, that which is of the Spirit of God, oh, there is that bringing down. Zacchaeus, come down from the tree.

[35 : 52] I must abide this day in thine house. The cry of such a quicken soul. Friends, there's life here. There's life here.

There's a life in the babe when that first cry is heard, hold thou me up. And all it goes together. Persuaded, persuaded that he is able to keep that which was committed unto him against that day.

Hold thou me up. Friends, we speak at times of preventative prayers. Realizing dangers. Perhaps not always seen.

And yet, oh, they lurk, as it were, around the corner and can come so suddenly in the path. A prayer, oh, a prayer of the burdened souls in Zion.

Day and night. Hold thou me up. Then I shall be safe. That I bring not reproach upon the cause of my God.

[36 : 58] Hold thou me up. Hold thou me up. A confidence here. A confidence wrought in Israel's God. I turned to a few hymns this morning.

And I was surprised. Oh, I was surprised how those dear hymn writers had felt the same exercise, yea, in their own souls as they themselves had walked in those paths of dependence upon their God.

Oh, whither, oh, whither should I fly? But to the loving Saviour's breast. Secure within thy arms to lie and safe beneath thy wings to rest.

I have no skill. Is this the language? Is this the promise, the petition? Heaven would. I have no skill, the snare to shun.

But thou, oh Christ, my wisdom art. I ever into... It's a solemn confession, isn't it? Oh, prone to wander, Lord, I feel it.

[38 : 14] Prone to leave the God I trust, I love. I ever into ruin run. But thou art greater than my heart.

I have no skill. No skill to run in these paths. These paths of God. Hold thou me up.

And then again. And I must leave it for this morning. Treasures of everlasting might. In our jip over dwell.

Hold thou me up. He gives the conquest to the weak. And treads their foes to hell. Mere mortal power shall fade and die.

And youthful vigor cease. But we that wait upon the Lord shall feel our strength increase.

[39 : 17] Even the youth shall faint and be weary. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall rise up as upon eagles' wings. Hold thou me up. And I shall be safe.

May the Lord forgive. All spoken amiss. Amen. Let us conclude this part of the service by singing hymn number 341 to the tune Crook 122.

Lord, hast thou made me known thy ways. Conduct me in thy fear. And grant me such supplies of grace that I may persevere.

Let but thine own almighty arm sustain a feeble worm. And shall escape secure from harm amid the dreadful storm.

[40 : 42] 341 For the divine plan ■ Jesus reign aerospace creative non- ruthless Andre vård portfolio.

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Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God the Father, the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us.

[43 : 35] Amen. Amen.