

Empty Hands Full



JAB PUBLICATIONS

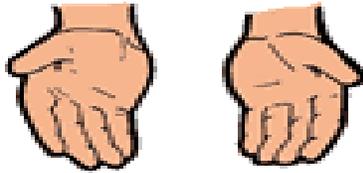
Written by: James A. Bradford

About the author:

James A. Bradford is a member of Calvary Christian Center in Sacramento, California. He is also a part of Destiny Ministry of San Antonio, Texas under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Claudette A. Copeland. He is a native of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. His early training in music was with Smokey Robinson, where he wrote and produced four albums. All four albums contained four hit songs written by James. At age 28, he was saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit and began a new phase of growth in the Lord. He was Praise and Worship leader of San Jose Word of Faith for six years. He was called to the Ministry and licensed and ordained as a Minister in 1986.

He is married to Priscilla and has four children (Shaheed, Jesse Jonathan, Aaliyah and Erica). Together they worship and uplift the name of Christ. They are all involved in ministry and love the Lord.

Inspired with vision of Kingdom ministry, James continues to avail himself to the move of God, sharing vision and inspiration to churches and ministries through his music and teachings.



Empty Hands Full

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ***In Him*** was life and the life was the light of men.”

II Peter 1:3 “And His divine power has ***given to us all things that pertain to life*** and godliness and virtue by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

Colossians 2:9 “For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily and you are complete in Him who is the head of all principality and power.”

The word was pre-existing in the beginning before anything was the (Logos) Word of God. Jesus before the Old Testament. Before the earth began was the deepest revelation of God...and the word, eternal, indestructible, relationship of God co-existing, face to face. Mirror image of each other, and ultimately the word of God. Was God joined inseparable, unquestionable, symmetry, the same as, ...Eternal... indicating God's relationship to man, that His word would be with us forever.

In Him, Jesus, (Logos) the hidden mysteries of God the incarnate word, in Him was life, and the life was the light of men...the proof of man's physical existents, man's intellectual being, man's spiritual enlightenment, man's relationship with God, man's eternal promises of the word of God. Life of men was the light, and the light was the life of men.

John 14:17 "...for He dwelleth with you, and **shall be** in you." This indicates God chooses through His word to be in you. (Shall be)... places Himself in you, joined together. **vs. 19** "...Because I live, ye shall live also..." **vs. 20** "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."

Ephesians 3:19 "To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Psalm 16:11 “...In your presence is fullness of joy...”

John 15:11 “These things I have spoken to you that my joy may remain in you and that your joy may be full.” The book of John kept us focused on the Word (Logos), the deep mysteries, the secrets of God. These things I have spoken...not these things “I have not spoken”... Jesus says these things I...(dominate, I, singular, I, eternal, preeminent, from before, the beginning...have spoken to you...Bible)

Hosea 4:5 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, because you have rejected knowledge...”

Ephesians 3:19 “To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you may be filled...” John 15:11... “FULL...”

Your Empty Hands...FULL of the word of God, yet because you **lack** in knowledge of Christ your hands are Empty.

Nahum 2:10 “...she is empty, desolate, and waste! The heart melts, and the knees shake; much pain is in every side, and all their faces are drained of color...” (Nineveh Destroyed) Empty hands Full, from before the beginning, pre-existing...the Word.

Paul says to the Christians in Ephesus and the Elders...Acts 20:32 “So now brethren I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” **vs. 33** “I have converted no one’s silver or gold or apparel...” I didn’t ask you for one dime, nor am I asking for anything right now...”

God is not trying to empty us of our wealth, but is trying to show us how to increase our wealth. ...**vs. 34** “Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities and for those who were with me...”

Catch this... **vs. 35** “I have shown you in every way.” All the ways, anyway possible...from before, the beginning, the who, what, when, where, why and how...Acts 20: 35 “...by laboring like this, that you must support the weak.” Remember these are the words of the Lord Jesus...He said it...it’s not what Paul says, Paul is clear here in pointing out...he takes no credit for God’s revelation... **vs. 35** “...it is more blessed to give than to receive...” By giving, Paul excels...he gives of himself and God elevates his ministry. By the word of God, Paul was built up to overcome despair, riots, fatigue in his teaching and ministering the principles of Christ, against abject (*miserable, wretched, stark, hopeless, pitiful, pathetic,*

degrading, humbling, destitute) rejection ...

Paul teaches in Acts 20:31... “for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears...” **vs. 29** “...For I know this, that after my departure, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.” **vs. 27** “For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God” **vs. 28** “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which he purchased with His own blood.”

Hebrew 13:5 “Let your conduct be content with such things as you have. For he Himself has said. I will never leave you are forsaken you.”

Ephesians 1:11 “In him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.” **verses 7-9** “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence. Having made know to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself.” **vs. 13** “In Him you also trusted, after you *heard* the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise.”

Ephesians 5:6 “Let not one deceive you with **empty** words, for because of these things...” notice the Bible says, “because of these things?” What things is Paul talking about...Empty words...you know an empty wagon makes a lot of noise...”The Bible ain’t all that...Jesus ain’t all that...the Church ain’t all that....you know **EMPTY WORDS**...it is because of empty words verse 6 says “..the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”

Nahum 2:10 “She is empty, desolate, and waste! The heart melts, and the knees shake: much pain is in every side, and all their faces are drained of color...” Empty Hands Full...from before, the beginning, pre-existing, eternal, the Word of God...

~ · ~ · ~

***The perception is our hands are empty,
BUT reality is...
They are filled with God’s promises.***

We are filled with God’s knowledge, and His Word. Hands filled but Empty. The lack of God’s word first in decisions, usually ends up in nothing to show, and nothing is more overwhelming than thinking and feeling God has forgotten about us.

Prayer:

Father, in the name of your precious son Jesus, forgive me for not adhering to your word. My disobedience is what has separated me from the love of God and blinds me from your truths...from this day forward nothing will separate me from the love of Christ, not tribulation, or distress, persecution, or famine, nakedness, or peril, or sword.

Roman 8:36 “For your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter, ye in all these things we are MORE than conquerors through Him who loves us.”

Romans 8:38 “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things to present, nor things to come, nor heights nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

II Peter 3:18 “But growing grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.”

I Peter 2:2,3 “As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.”

II Timothy 2:15 “Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Hebrew 6:1 “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ let us go on unto perfection...”

II Peter 1:5-8 “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity, for if these things be in you and bound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

II Corinthians 3:18 “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord.”

JAB Publication

Other books available are:

Dried Up

Gone

Empty Hands Full

Handsome My Beloved

The Evidence of Faith

The Little Foxes

The Men's Choir

The Rock of Offense...or the Kingdom of God (Part 1)

The Rock of Offense...or the Kingdom of God (Part 2)

The Rock of Offense...or the Kingdom of God (Part 3)

Stuff

Tore Down from the Floor Down

Tore Up from the Floor Up

Wrinkle

Yard Birds Don't Soar

~ ~ ~ ~

If this has been a blessing to you, you may send a love offering to help further this ministry.



JAB Ministries International
372 Florin Road, #288
Sacramento, CA. 95831

Tel: (916) 837-2642
Fax: (916) 684-0626