

ANTHROPOMORPHISM

Lesson text: [Isaiah 59:1-2](#)

Anthropomorphism – The representation of objects (especially a god) as having human form or traits. (Worldnet dictionary) giving God certain human characteristics. See also Psalms 18:6-9

1. The only way we can think of anyone is in terms of physical, human body, as we know it.
2. [John 4:24](#), [Luke 24:39](#). We have no idea how to visualize or imagine God. When we think of someone we think of them having features as we have.
3. These descriptions: The hand, ears, of God, etc. is figurative language; it's God's way of helping us to think of Him.

Body

I. "The Eyes of the Lord" – [Proverbs 15:3](#)

- A. This describes the omniscience of God. "There's an all seeing eye watching you."
- B. [Psalms 139](#) – Omnipresence. A constant awareness of God. Definition of "godliness" – having an awareness of God. [I Timothy 4:8](#); [II Peter 1:6](#)

II. "The Hand of God" – [I Peter 5:6](#)

A. A Humbling Hand

1. Always there to remind us that when we begin to think too big, powerful, can pretty well rule our own lives, there's a gigantic hand to humble & remind us.
2. Little girl playing with a spider on desk – Psalms 100:3
3. Whenever we think we can direct our own steps, and live independent of God, His hand has a way of coming down into our life to alter our course and actions, and to humble us and make us realize we can't direct our own steps.
[Jeremiah 23:10](#)

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B. A Hand of Security – [John 10:27-29](#)

1. In which we dwell, protected, shielded from all harm.
2. [Romans 8:28-39](#) – as long as we stay there and not leave Him, He'll see to it we're protected.

C. A Hand of Blessing – [Ecclesiastes 2:24](#)

1. The abundance of blessings we enjoy are a gift from the Father's hand – [James 1:17](#)
2. We ought to be filled with genuine thanksgiving.
3. Too often, we're like the hogs that devour the acorns but never look up to see from whence they come.

D. A Punishing Hand – [Isaiah 5:2](#)

1. Like the hand of our parents – a helping hand & love. That hand served us cookies, cakes, but sometimes was a punishing hand, to discipline us.
2. His hand is always there to humble us and guide us, and is there for our protection, but that same hand *punishes*, if we rebel against Him – [Isaiah 5:25](#)

E. A Saving Hand – [Isaiah 59:1-2](#).

1. That's the hand that can lift us from the mire of sin.
2. David found that joy – [Psalms 40:1-4](#) – reached down to David to lift him up and made new paths.

III. "The Ear of God" – [I Peter 3:12](#)

A. God has a listening ear, ever listening for the prayers of His people, just as He heard Elijah – [I Kings 18](#)... God is near – [Acts 17:27](#).

B. When we ought to pray. Three times in life of Jesus:

1. [Luke 6:12-13](#) - before an important decision.
2. John 6:15 - tried to make Him a King by force; a time of triumph.
3. [Luke 22:42f](#) - a time of seeming defeat.
4. [Philippians 4:6](#) - in time of anxiety and worry.

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- C. What a wonderful privilege to call upon Him as our Father; He hears and answers – [I Thessalonians 5:17](#)

IV. "The Face of the Lord"

- A. There's something that separates man from the saving hand & the listening ear, and the face of God - SIN.
- B. [Romans 6:23](#) - spiritual death – "separation" (Man drowning, separated from the shore by the waters in which he's drowning. But if someone throws him a rope, it's a means by which he can be saved).
- C. God saw man's plight – so He threw man a rope as it were and provided the means for salvation. – [John 3:16](#)
- D. [Romans 5:6-8](#) – why Jesus had to die, to make atonement, so that sin, which separates man from God, could be erased...

V. Conclusion

- A. God has made every provision possible for your salvation, and God wants all men to be saved – [II Peter 3:9](#).
- B. But the human will stands in between what God wants and what man does. *What is your decision?*