

02/02/12 - Our Right-Hand Man

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Everything is all right. The vast majority of people on earth are right-handed, with only about 15 percent believed to be left-handed.

When speaking of people who are there to help us, we speak of our "right hand man" never our "left hand man." Likewise, no one has ever heard of "lefteousness"?we only ever hear of righteousness.

In Psalm 80 there are appeals for God to send the Israelites a deliverer. Some believe that the "man at your right hand" (Ps. 80:17) actually refers to Israel itself, being restored by God so that they could be his people, and a solid, free nation, again. Others believe that this is a word of prophecy concerning Jesus, who often referred to himself as "the Son of Man."

There is a clear request for a "savior" to help rescue and restore Israel to its past greatness in this psalm, but more than that there is a clarion call for its spiritual salvation as well.