

# Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us

## First Samuel 7:12

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The Devil would like to keep us worrying about our future, attempting to hinder our efforts to serve the Lord today. One of the best ways to defeat the Devil's attempts to ruin us is to look back and remind ourselves of how good God has always been to us, and to expect that He will continue to be our help and refuge.

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### **HITHERTO (up to now) HATH THE LORD HELPED ME...**

#### **1. In the matter of my salvation.**

- a. I was lost and on my way to hell.
  - b. I had no concern for the Lord Jesus Christ or for His sacrifice on the cross for me.
  - c. God's word gave me light to see His wonderful grace available to me.
  - d. God gave me a new birth and eternal life through the living word of God (1 Pet 1:23).
  - e. Hell is no longer my destination; I have a place prepared for me in Heaven (John 14:1).
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#### **2. In nursing me as a newborn babe.**

- a. Like a baby, I didn't know right from wrong, good from evil. God showed me.
  - b. I didn't know what church to go to. God led me.
  - c. I didn't know what Bible to read. God opened my eyes.
  - d. When God saw my desire to know His truth and His way, He provided the answers I needed.
  - e. When false religion and churches with unbiblical practices and doctrines tried to sway me, God helped me to see the error in those groups.
  - f. Once I was born-again, God taught me how to stand and how to walk and how to feed just like a newborn creature in the wild or in the pasture.
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#### **3. When I was a wayward (unruly) youth.**

- a. Like a child who starts testing the boundaries of their parent's restrictions and warnings, the growing Christian who knows God's commandments will test God, trying sinful things, to see what they can really get away with; to see what happens if they don't obey; to see if God means what He says.
  - b. God helped me up when I fell into sin. He helped me with His rod of correction (Heb 12:6).
  - c. God never disowned me when I went to the hog pen. He welcomed me back home (Lk 15:20).
  - d. God protected me from the Devil's attempts to lure me away whenever I strayed (Eph 4:27; 6:11; Jas 4:7).
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**4. When I was a young adult.**

- a. Young adults prepare themselves for what they will do the rest of their lives.
  - b. There is a time when a Christian begins to understand the Lord's calling for his/her life, receiving instruction and direction from the Lord through His word.
    - i. Once you answer that call, the Lord leads you all the way.
  - c. Once you start walking by faith, the Lord will show you where to go.
    - i. Moses is the perfect example (Hebrews 11:8).
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**5. By providing me with family and friends who stand by me and support me.**

- a. Participating in and supporting the Lord's work.
  - b. Helping one another with a spirit of true love and care.
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God has led me all the way through my Christian life from the very first day until now. I have no reason to be concerned about tomorrow. I know the Lord will be there, helping me all the way.