

=THE BODY OF JESUS=

Lesson 2

The Arms of Jesus

INTRODUCTION: Last week we discussed the hands of Jesus and today we discuss His arms. So often the Bible refers to the “arms of Christ” as being our strength, our sufficiency, etc. (Teacher: Look up the words “arm” and “arms” in a Cruden’s Concordance. Find out how many times they are used concerning Christ. This will give you added material for the lesson.)

POINT OF CONTACT: Discuss with the pupils the different ways that we use our arms. Apply these ways to how Jesus used His arms for us.

- I. HIS ARMS HELD THE LITTLE CHILDREN, Mark 10:16. In other words, He had tender arms, arms that were ready to hold the little ones and to bless them. Teachers of little children should certainly explain this and stress the fact that Christ loves them in a special way.
- II. HE HAS PROTECTING ARMS, Deuteronomy 33:27. Here is a blessed verse. When God was trying to convince the Israelites that He would care for them He said, “Underneath are the everlasting arms.”
- III. HE HAS EVERLASTING ARMS. In other words, we will always have His arms. The arms of a lover are soon gone in death or parting; Mother’s arms are taken in death; Father’s arms will be stilled in the grave; but Jesus’ arms are everlasting.
- IV. HE HAS HOLDING ARMS, Psalm 37:17. There is security here. Picture a child walking down the street with his father. As long as the child holds on to his father’s hand, there is no security; he keeps stumbling and falling. Then there comes a time when Father says, “Let me hold your hand, son.” The child is then secure. This is a good description of our salvation.
- V. HE HAS WORKING ARMS. Remember that He was a carpenter. They said, “Is not this the carpenter?” Mark 6:3a. He grew up in Joseph’s carpenter shop. His arms were working arms. It is important that we teach our pupils to work and to work hard.
- VI. HE HAS STRONG ARMS. Some say the fact that He was on the cross so long before He died attested to the strength of His arms. Some have said the cross weighed 250 pounds. Bear in mind, He carried this cross for a while. His arms were strong. No doubt this strength was gained while working at the carpenter shop.
- VII. HE HAS COMFORTING ARMS, Song of Solomon 2:6; 8:3. Notice the difference in these verses. The one verse tells us He holds us, embraces us, and puts His hand under our heads. The other verse says this is as it “should be.” How sad! There is a severance, a separation here. So many who once were close to Christ have now drifted from Him.
- VIII. HE HAS OPEN ARMS. He is always ready to receive those who come to Him.
- IX. HE HAS CREATING ARMS. Jeremiah 32:17 teaches us that He made the heaven and the earth by His great power and “stretched out arm.”
- X. HE HAS UNBROKEN ARMS. Not a bone in His body was broken when He died for us.

CONCLUSION: Teacher, spend some time singing “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.”