

God Is Working His Purpose Out

Verse 1

God is working his purpose out
As year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out,
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

about this hymn:

Long ago, a man named Arthur Campbell Ainger was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote this hymn about it. He called it "God Is Working His Purpose Out." We're going to learn a verse from it.

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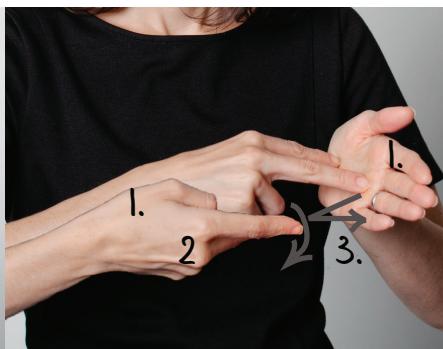
God is everywhere, all the time. He not only sees everything that happens, but He is in control over it and is using it all for His perfect purposes. Yes, the best and good things that happen in this world. And, yes, even the sad and awful things, will all be used perfectly, for His absolutely amazing, glorious purposes. It may be hard for us to see these now, sometimes, but nonetheless it is true. Year comes after another and everything is being fulfilled, until at last God's full plan will be done. All of God's people will be gathered together safely home with God. And all of God's plan will be seen as good and perfect. It will all show God's goodness and greatness--it will all bring God glory.

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PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 19

**God**

Right open hand, palm facing left, is held up above head level then brought down and back in a slight arc, ending with a "B" hand at the upper chest level.

**Purpose**

Fingertips of right "V" hand are placed in palm of left flat hand which palm is facing right and fingertips facing forward. Fingertips of right "V" hand are then lifted from left palm, pivoted clockwise then placed back down on left palm.

**Year**

Right "S" hand moves in a complete, forward circle around left "S" hand.

**Time**

Rotate thumb of right "T" hand in a clockwise circle on left flat palm, fingers pointing up, palm facing out.

**Near, Nearer**

Back of right hand is brought close to palm of forward facing left hand a couple of times.

**Earth**

Thumb and index fingers of downturned right "5" hand are placed on sides of downturned "S" hand. The right hand pivots back and forth while keeping light contact with left hand.

**Glory**

Middle finger of right hand touches upturned left flat hand, then is wiggled back and forth as it is raised up.

**Cover**

Right curved hand, palm down, slides over knuckles and down wrist of left curved hand, knuckles facing forward.

**Sea**

Touch mouth with index finger of right W hand a couple times (sign for water); Then move both hands forward in wavy motion.

O LORD, You Have Searched Me

Verse 1

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts, My thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.

Refrain:

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

Verse 2:

If I take the wings of the morning
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand shall lead me,
Your right hand shall hold me. Refrain
You are there!
Psalm One-thirty-nine, verses one through three,
and seven through ten.

about this Bible verse:

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These verses tell us that God is everywhere, all the time. There is no where we can flee from God's Spirit. Everywhere we are, He is, too. God knows us inside and out. He hears all of our prayers. He will help and protect those who trust in Him, no matter where they are. He will always be guiding them according to His perfect plans.

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O LORD You Have Searched Me: Psalm 139:7-10, ESV

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LORD

Thumb of right "L" hand, palm facing left. touches left shoulder, then is brought down to touch right hip.



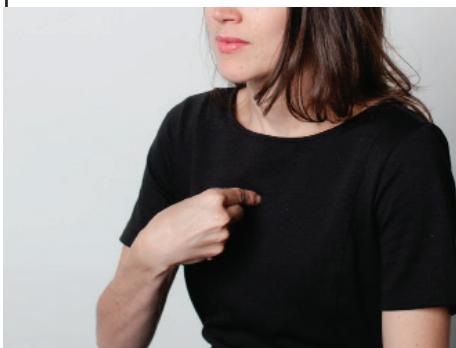
Searched/Search Out

Right "C" hand makes a few circular motions near face from right to left.



Known, Acquainted, Discern

Pat forehead with right fingers several times.



Me

Point to self with right index finger.



Sit

Fingers of right "H" hands are placed, palm side down, on top of extended fingers of left "H" hand, then move both hands down a short ways.



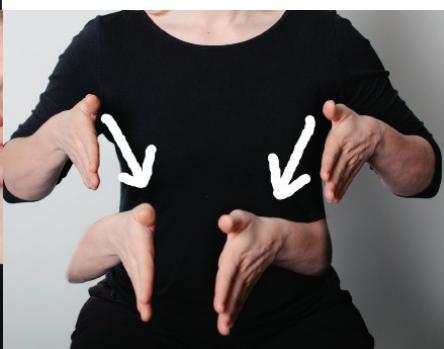
Thoughts

Make down and outward circles with the index finger of each hand near sides of forehead, palms facing in.



Afar

Index of right hand is held near chest and points outward, then is moved outward from chest.



Path

Flat hands, palms facing each other, move forward and progressively closer.



Lying Down

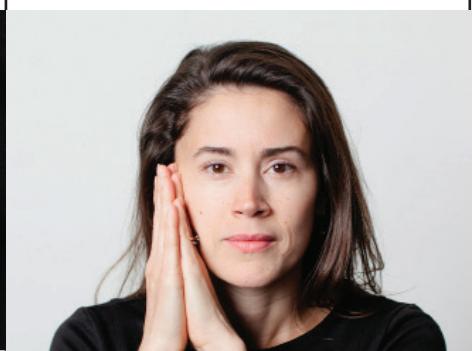
"O" hands are moved downward simultaneously.



Where
Right "D" hand, palm facing forward and index finger pointing up, is moved back and forth from left to right a few times.

Go
Right "D" hand is held in front of body, index finger pointing up and palm facing forward. Move it forward and down in a slight arc until the index finger points forward.

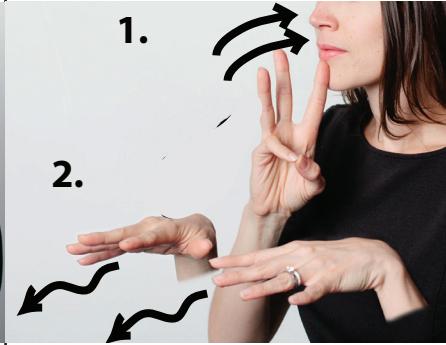
Spirit
Right "H" hand, palm facing left, slides from heel to fingertips of left flat hand, palm up. Then touch the thumbs and index fingers of both "T" hands to each other, right hand above left, palms facing each other. Draw hands apart in an upward motion.



Presence
Both slightly curved hands are raised simultaneously, palms facing each other. The right palm stops just short of the left palm, as if a person coming to stand before another person.

There
Right index finger points towards a specific location.

Bed
Put both hands of both palms together. Place back of left hand on side of right cheek.



Morning
Fingertips of left flat hand rest in crook of right arm. Cupped right hand begins in front of left arm then is lifted up, mimicking the rising sun.

Sea
Touch mouth with index finger of right W hand a couple times (sign for water). Then move both hands forward in wavy motion.

Hold
Elbow of right upturned arm is brought down deliberately onto back of left hand.

Where Shall I Go?

Where shall I go from your Spirit? (No where!)
Where shall I flee from your presence? (No where!)
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
If I take the wings of the morn,
Dwell in the utmost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand shall lead me,
Your right hand shall hold me.
Where shall I go from your Spirit? (No where!)
Where shall I flee from your presence? (No where!)
Psalm One-thirty-nine, seven through ten.

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**Where**

Right "D" hand, palm facing forward and index finger pointing up, is moved back and forth from left to right a few times.

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Right "D" hand is held in front of body, index finger pointing up and palm facing forward. Move it forward and down in a slight arc until the index finger points forward.

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**Morn**

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The LORD Looks Down from Heaven

The LORD looks down from heaven;
The LORD looks down from heaven;
The LORD looks down from heaven;
He observes everyone.
He gazes on all the inhabitants of the earth,
From His dwelling place.
The LORD looks down from heaven;
The LORD looks down from heaven;
The LORD looks down from heaven;
He observes everyone.
Psalm Thirty-three, thirteen and fourteen.

about this Bible verse:

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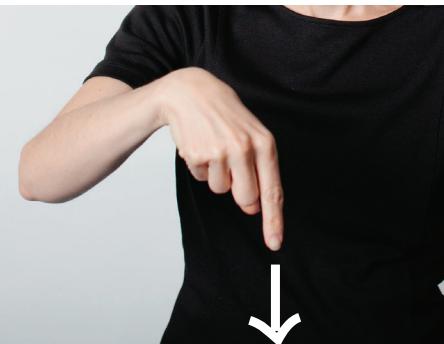
The LORD's special dwelling place may be heaven, but that does not mean that He does not know what is happening here on earth. The LORD can see all things. He is everywhere, all the time. He gazes on all the inhabitants (all the people) who live on earth...even you and me. Every single person who lives on the earth is watched by God. There is nothing that is hidden from Him.

**Lord**

Thumb of right "L" hand, palm facing left. touches left shoulder, then is brought down to touch right hip.

**Looks, Observes, Gazes**

Both upturned "5" hands are held side by side in front of chest. Bring both hands in, drawing in the fingers slightly to a grasping position.

**Down**

Right hand, index finger extended, moves downward a few inches.

**Heaven**

At head level, Right flat hand, palm facing down, makes a forward circle around left flat hand, palm facing down. Then both hands move out to each side while simultaneously changing them into bend hands.

**Everyone, All the Inhabitants**

Touch mouth with index finger of right W hand a couple times (sign for water); Then move both hands horizontally, with fingers & thumb spread apart.. Move hands downwards as you wiggle your fingers in short stages.

**Earth**

Thumb and index fingers of downturned right "5" hand are placed on sides of downturned "S" hand. The right hand pivots back and forth while keeping light contact with left hand.

**Dwelling Place**

Place fingertips of right hand at near chin moving toward the cheek with a slightly curved hand.



God Is Working His Purpose Out, v.1

E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭

1. God is work - ing his pur - pose out as year suc - ceeds to year:
2. March we forth in the strength of God, with the ban ner of Christ un furled, that the

5 E♭ B♭ E♭ Fm B♭

God is work - ing is pur - pose out, and the time is draw ing near;
light of the glo - ri-ous gos-pel of truth may shine through-out the world;

9 Gm Cm Ab E♭ Fm B♭

Near-er and near - er draws the time, the time that shall sure - ly be, when the
Fight we the fight with sor-row and sin to set their cap-tives free, that the

13 Ab E♭ Fm Ab E♭ B♭ Ab E♭

earth shall be filled with the glo-ry of God as the wa - ters cov-er the sea.
earth may be filled with the glo-ry of God as the wa - ters cov-er the sea.

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O LORD, You Have Searched Me

D A G D

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and
 7 Bm G D F# You know when I sit down and
 when I rise up. You dis - cern my thoughts, my thoughts from a - far. You
 14 D Bm G D A
 search out my path and my ly - ing down, and are acquaint-ed with all my ways.

20 D Bm⁷ G
 Where can I go from your Spi- rit? Where can I flee from your pre sence? If I as-

25 D A G A D
 cend to heav-en you are there. Where can I go from your Spi- tir? Where can I
 31 Bm⁷ G D A Bm G A
 flee from Your pre sence? If I make my bed in She-ol you are there, You are
 37 D D A D G
 there. If I take the wings of the mor ning. And dwell in the
 44 D Bm⁷ G D
 ut-ter- most part of the sea. Ev-en there, your hand shall lead
 51 G G D A D
 me, Your right hand will hold me. Where can I go from your

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Where Can I Go?

The musical score consists of eight staves of music for a single melody line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (indicated by '4'). The music is divided into sections by measure numbers (1, 6, 11, 16, 20, 24, 29, 33) and corresponding chords (E♭, B♭, F, B♭, E♭, B♭, E♭, B♭, E♭, F, B♭, E♭, B♭, E♭, B♭, E♭, B♭, E♭, F, B♭). The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the chords and measures. The score ends with a final section starting at measure 33.

1 E♭ B♭ F B♭ E♭
Where shall I go from your Spir - it? (no where!) Where shall I

6 B♭ F B♭ E♭ F B♭
flee from your pre - sence? (no where!) If I as-cend to hea - ven,

11 F⁷ B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭
you are there; if I make my bed in She- ol, you are___

16 F E♭ B♭ E♭
there. If I take the wings of the morn', dwell in the ut'-most

20 B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ B♭
parts of the sea, ev - en there your hand shall lead me, your right hand will

24 E♭ F E♭ B♭ F B♭
hold me. Where shall I go from your Spir - it?

29 E♭ B♭ F B♭
(no where!) Where shall I flee from your pre - sence?

33 E♭ F B♭
Psalm One - thir - ty - nine, sev - en thru ten.

The LORD Looks Down from Heaven

The musical score consists of eight staves of music. The first staff begins with Em, followed by lyrics: "The LORD looks down from heaven, The LORD looks down from heaven". The second staff begins with 4, followed by lyrics: "en. The LORD looks down from heaven, He ob serves ev' - ry - one". The third staff begins with 8, followed by lyrics: "He ga - zes on all the in - ha-bi-tants of the earth from His dwel-ling place." The fourth staff begins with 12, followed by lyrics: "He ga - zes on all the in - ha-bi-tants of the earth from His dwel ling place." The fifth staff begins with 16, followed by lyrics: "The LORD looks down from heaven, The LORD looks down from heaven". The sixth staff begins with 20, followed by lyrics: "en. The LORD looks down from heaven, He ob". The seventh staff begins with 23, followed by lyrics: "serves ev' - ry - one Psalm Thir ty-three, thir - teen and four-teen." The music features various chords including Em, Am, B, and a concluding chord with a sharp sign.

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