Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by God’s grace that we have seen another day, and so I welcome you to reflect on the Scriptures, which are the food of our souls.

Many of us have been seeking help from our God, which is a very good thing, because there is nowhere else we can truly find help. Satan’s work is to destroy us, not to help us.

There are many ways to receive help from God in whatever you are going through or in whatever you need.

The First and Most Important Way: Personal Prayer

The first and most important way is for you personally to kneel down and pray to God. If all the evil and sin happening in the world reach God, how much more our prayers! Our God hears even the sound of our heartbeats every second as they pound; even the crowing of a rooster at dawn reaches Him—how much more the words that come from our mouths.

Therefore, the first and best way is to kneel personally and present your heart’s need to God, believing that He hears you and will grant what you ask according to His will.

The Second Way: Using God’s Servants

The second way, which is the focus of our lesson, is through God’s servants.

This way is not better than the first, but it is a legitimate way established by God Himself. When you face trouble or go through any situation, seek true servants of God. The Lord has given them grace that cannot be found elsewhere. When they pray for you or counsel you, it becomes easier to receive the right answers and results.

There are many Scriptures that teach about the grace given to God’s servants, but today let us learn from the following passage:

> *Mark 6:34–44*
> *“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.*

> *By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. ‘This is a remote place,’ they said, ‘and it’s already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.’*
> *But he answered, ‘You give them something to eat.’*
> *They said to him, ‘That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?’*
> *‘How many loaves do you have?’ he asked. ‘Go and see.’*
> *When they found out, they said, ‘Five—and two fish.’*
> *Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.*
> *Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.*
> *They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.”*

Lessons from This Passage

1. The Lord Had Compassion—but Used His Disciples

The Lord had compassion on the crowd, yet He did not directly hand out the bread Himself. Instead, He told the disciples to give the people food (see verse 37).

2. The Miracle Happened in the Hands of the Disciples

You will notice that the miracle did not occur in the Lord’s hands but in the hands of His disciples. Jesus gave thanks, broke the five loaves and two fish, and handed them to the disciples—He did not break five thousand loaves. This means the miracle took place through the disciples, not directly from Jesus’ hands.

In short, the miracle was performed by the Lord Jesus through the hands of His apostles (His servants). The Lord was not unable to do it Himself, but it pleased Him to use His servants to fulfill His purpose of ministering to people in need.

What Should You Do When You Face a Problem?

When you encounter a problem and do not know where to begin, first kneel down and pray to God personally. If you still feel uncertain or things do not seem settled, then seek true servants of God—they will help you, because the Lord works through them. God has placed His servants almost everywhere because He

knows many of His people need help.

If you need life advice, spiritual guidance, healing from illness, or help with any matter, look for your pastor or bishop and explain everything without hiding anything. The problem you think you are the first to experience has likely been faced by many before—and it was resolved. Do not let Satan fill you with fear and tell you it is impossible. Take action, seek them out, and explain in detail just as you would explain your condition to a doctor at the hospital. When you do this, it becomes easier to receive help quickly, just as if Christ Himself were there ministering to you.

Go with a Heart of Gratitude

I also advise you: do not go empty-handed, and do not go with the mindset that the servant of God needs your money. Go as if you are going to meet Christ Himself, knowing you cannot leave without offering something in gratitude to God. When you do this, you will see great results.

A Word to God’s Servants

If you are a true servant of God, have compassion on those with

problems just as the disciples did—even presenting their concerns before Christ. Jesus' disciples did not see a financial opportunity; they saw people's needs.

Although they knew the people had money—since they suggested the crowd could go and buy food—the apostles were moved with compassion and did not desire their money. And who knows? Perhaps after receiving the miracle of eating and being satisfied, those same people gave offerings. Normally, when someone is healed or experiences a miracle, they are moved to give.

God Is a God of Order

We also learn that the disciples seated the people in orderly groups—some in groups of fifty, others in hundreds. Perhaps men, women, elders, and children were arranged separately; they were not all mixed together.

This teaches servants that when ministering to people, order must be present. Our God is a God of order; where there is no order, God does not work. Order includes respecting people and knowing how to relate to different age groups. You cannot serve an elder the same way you serve a child, nor speak to an elder as you would to a youth. Wisdom and respect must be present for

the Lord to release His miracles.

> *1 Corinthians 14:40*
> *“But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”*

Conclusion

So by what way will you receive help from God? One way is through His servants—not only physical help but also spiritual help, which is the Word of God.

May the Lord bless us.

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