

The Hand of God

1 Samuel 4:1-7:2

God's unrivaled power and authority is revealed...

1. As He _____ (4:1-11)
2. As He _____ (4:12-22)
3. In His _____ (5:1-5)
4. In the _____ (5:6-6:9)
5. In the _____ (6:10-7:2)

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. What led the elders of Israel to suggest bringing the ark into battle? How should we understand their reasoning (4:3)? What was the ark and what did it represent to God's people (Exodus 25:10-22)?
2. What does it mean to acknowledge that God is totally self-sufficient and that he graciously uses us in his service?
3. Has God ever acted in both judgement and in grace at the same time in your life? How has that experience shaped you? How do you view that experience differently now than you did at the time?
4. How did the Philistine's understanding of God change from chapters 4-6? What was their response?
5. What is the difference between intimacy and familiarity in our dealings with God? How would you describe your own relationship with God?