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- The **Sermon** is delivered by the pastor:

☐ Grace, mercy and peace be with you, my dear Christian friends. We celebrate the end of one year and the start of a new one in this service. This is a unique time for us to look back at what has been and to look forward at what will be.

Help

What do we see in ages past? We see help. We see help from our God. As the hymn says, “O God, our help in ages past...” How has he been our help? In many ways, of course. As part of the Passover observance, those in the Jewish faith sing a song called the Dayenu, which means, “It would have been enough.” The song goes one by one through fifteen blessings of God in the story of the children of Israel. Here are the first lines of the verses:

If he had brought us out of Egypt...

If he had executed justice upon the Egyptians...

If he had executed justice upon their gods...

If he had slain their first-born...

If he had given to us their health and wealth...

If he had split the sea for us...

If he had led us through on dry land...

If he had drowned our oppressors...

If he had provided for our needs in the wilderness for 40 years...