

Hope - a Portal for Possibilities

I. Hope is the Way God Sees the World

Jer 29.11 NIV For I **know** the **plans** I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans **to prosper** you and **not to harm** you, plans **to give you hope*** and a **future.†**

tiqvah - a cord, a rope, something to hold onto, eager expectation. †- the other side, the hidden potential

I've been stirred by Love the Hill and the HOPE that it has released.

I'm inspired by the balcony - 45% increase, the classroom expansion,

RESPONSE to Hope

Celebration and Preparation

- Isa 54:1 **"Sing**, O barren one, who did not bear;
break forth into singing and **cry aloud**,
you who have not been in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than the children of her who is married," says the LORD.
- 2 **"Enlarge** the place of your tent,
and **let the curtains** of your habitations **be stretched out**;
do not hold back; **lengthen** your cords
and **strengthen** your stakes.
- 3 For **you will spread abroad to the right and to the left**,
and your **offspring** will **possess the nations**
and will **people the desolate cities**.
- 4 **"Fear not**, for you will not be ashamed;...
- 5 For **your Maker is your husband**,

Blessed - fruitful, **multiply**, fill, subdue, have dominion

II. Hope is a Portal

Hope Flows Out of Love and Gives Birth to Faith

It opens up the “All Things are Possible” Windows of Heaven

Don't Get Discouraged by the News Casters!

Rom. 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not worth comparing** with the **glory** that is **to be revealed** to us.

19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

Creation waits in **eager expectation** (lit., “for **the strained expectation** [ἀποκαραδοκία] of the Creation **keeps on eagerly awaiting**”) for the sons of God to be revealed.

AMP For [even the whole] creation (all nature) **waits expectantly and longs earnestly** for God’s sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship].

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, **in hope 21** that the **creation** itself will be **set free from its bondage** to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

The created world had no choice. Gen 3 “cursed is the ground”

AMP For the creation (nature) was subjected to frailty (to futility, condemned to frustration), not because of some intentional fault on its part, but by the will of Him Who so subjected it—[yet] **with the hope 21** That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay *and* corruption [and gain an entrance] into the glorious freedom of God’s children.

The **GOOD NEWS** is that the physical universe is **not destined for destruction** (annihilation) **but for renewal!**

2 Pet 3:13 But **according to his promise** we are **waiting for new** heavens and a **new** earth in which **righteousness dwells**.

Rev 21:1 Then **I saw a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Behold I stand at the door and knock...

Come up here... I will show you the future!

1. Hope is the **open window** that things will not only get better but come into freedom and fullness of purpose-ultimate fruitfulness. Individuals, Cities, Nature
2. **Hope** Releases Renewal & Prosperity in 5 areas
 - a. **Relational** - tzedekah, justification, just as if there were no sin between us.
 - b. **Physical** - health, environmental healing
 - c. **Emotional** - our souls are turned back to the foundation of His care. He is the Shepherd and there is no lack. How do we rescue people from debt and a lack mentality. How do we lead them out of unforgiveness, envy, "comparison," fear and into freedom, celebration, joyful gratitude, and LOVE.
 - d. **Mental** - how we think. Education. Shift from heart realities to cognitive reformation, educational
 - e. **Spiritual** - Faith unto Love of God & Neighbor
3. **Transformation** of the World is the **purpose** of the sons of God. You were Born and Redeemed to be a Son of God!

You were created to be a TRANSFORMER!

Eph. 2:8 For by **grace** you have been **saved** through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is **the gift of God**, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

10 For we are his **workmanship**, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that **we should walk in them**.

4. **HOPE opens the PORTAL for miracles in nature.** Fish with coins, Water to Wine, Feeding the Thousands

5. **4 Sides of a Portal of Hope (for another time)**

a. **Honor (relationship)**

b. **Opportunity (outlook)**

c. **Productivity (personal energy & fruitfulness)**

d. **Excellence (commitment to character)**

Our assignment is the good work of changing the world.

III. Faith gives substance to HOPE! Makes it real.

Heb 11:1 NKJ Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

AMP NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

When we see something with our eyes, we are convinced it exists. Eyes of faith see possibilities.

III. OVERFLOWING HOPE

A. Balcony & Classrooms - enlarging for the Hope Center! Place for Encounter.

B. Allison Hill Renovation - food, skill training, parks, sidewalks?

Will we see the Possibilities, the New Hope Filled City, the New Heaven and New Earth, the New Balcony?

Rom 15.13 NIV May the God of hope **fill** you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the **power of the Holy Spirit**.