



The Hope of the Nations

Matthew 12:15–21

¹⁵Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick, ¹⁶warning them not to tell who he was. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁸“Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. ¹⁹He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. ²⁰A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.

²¹In his name the nations will put their hope.”



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Matthew 12:18–21 The Message

¹⁸Look well at my hand-picked servant; I love him so much, take such delight in him. I've placed my Spirit on him; he'll decree justice to the nations.

¹⁹But he won't yell, won't raise his voice; there'll be no commotion in the streets.

²⁰He won't walk over anyone's feelings, won't push you into a corner. Before you know it, his justice will triumph;

²¹the mere sound of his name will signal hope, even among far-off unbelievers.



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From John Piper:

“Biblical hope not only desires something good for the future; it expects it to happen. **And it not only expects it to happen; it is confident that it will happen.** There is a moral certainty that the good we expect and desire will be done. Biblical hope is not a mere desire for something good to happen. **It is a confident expectation and desire for something good in the future.** Biblical hope has moral certainty in it. When the word says, “Hope in God!” it does not mean, “Cross your fingers.” It means, to use the words of William Carey, **‘Expect great things from God.’** “



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1. The King of the Kingdom of God, over all nations

a) Blessing for all nations

Genesis 12:2–3

and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Galatians 3:16

¹⁶The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed... “to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ.

b) Belonging for all nations

Matthew 2:1–2

Matthew 4:13–16

Matthew 8:10–12

Matthew 11:20–24

Matthew 12:41–42





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2. The King of the Kingdom of God, over all justice

a) Justice in His conduct and relations

Matthew 12:7-13...they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” ... “How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

b) Justice in His teaching

Matthew 5 – 7 Sermon on the mount

c) Justice in His sacrifice

Matthew 26:39 ³⁹...“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴²He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

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3. The King of the Kingdom of God, over all hope

Matthew 28:18–20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



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3. The King of the Kingdom of God, over all hope

a) Hope in His name

Because He is good, He is right, He is just
He can work good out of the bad things

b) Hope in His authority

Because He has ascended
He keeps for us all the good things

c) Hope always

Because He lives
No end to right and an end in sight for wrong
The best is yet to come





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Think, pray, consider this scripture and the end of Matthew. Many others too. Pray it back to Him, talk about it to others. Practice this throughout your life, because you will need to.

Like this... Look at Him, behold Him, know He will do what is right, He will be patient and gentle, He will bring Hope; that confident expectation of great and good in the future, for all who trust in Him.

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