

# **Quiet Confidence in Our Coming King**

"He will not fight or shout; he will not raise his voice in public. He will not crush those who are weak, or quench the smallest hope, until he brings full justice with his final victory. And his name will be the hope of all the world." Matthew 12:19-21 (NLT)

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**Prayer Focus**: Jesus fulfilled this prophetic word from Isaiah 42 as He walked out His mission on the earth with quiet strength and confidence. As He was taunted and ridiculed, He did not raise His voice. Instead, He lovingly embraced and restored those who desperately sought Him. He also instilled a powerful hope in His disciples that motivated them to serve Him courageously in the face of persecution and death. Jesus had complete faith in the will of His Father. There was no need to defend Himself or retaliate against those who violently persecuted Him. He knew that one day He would bring full justice and restoration for those who are devoted to Him. In fact, Isaiah 42:4 says that in bringing justice, "He will not stop until truth and righteousness prevail throughout the earth." If we truly believe in Jesus as our Coming King, we can walk in that same quiet confidence. When we are reviled, we know that Jesus will be our defender. When we are trampled on with injustices, we know that Jesus will make things right. We know that when Jesus comes in His blazing glory, everyone will know that He alone is the hope of the world!

Day 1: Worship Jesus as the hope of the world!

Day 2: Thank God that one day all things will be made right.

**Day 3**: Confess and repent of the times you have sought to defend yourself instead of simply standing in truth.

**Day 4**: Ask the Lord to show you how to live with confidence in His power to overcome all the injustices in the world.

**Day 5**: Pray for the faith to align yourself with the reality that Jesus is returning to bring justice into the world.

**Day 6:** Pray that as believers walk in Christ, they will be powerful witnesses to truth and righteousness.

**Day 7**: Pray that the churches in your community will proclaim Jesus as the hope of the world.

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# Jesus Christ as Our Healer

J esus stunned the world with His healing power. Granted, people were amazed by His teaching and intrigued by His claims to be the Son of God. They watched with curiosity when He challenged the religious system of the day. But they were absolutely awestruck and changed forever by His compassionate healing touch.

Many times in the Gospels, it is recorded that Jesus healed every person, every disease, and every demonic stranglehold that was presented to Him. Matthew relates that as Jesus traveled throughout Galilee teaching and preaching about the Good News of the Kingdom, He authenticated His claims through the power of healing:

...And he healed people who had every kind of sickness and disease. News about him spread far beyond the borders of Galilee so that the sick were soon coming to be healed from as far away as Syria. And whatever their illness and pain, or if they were possessed by demons, or were epileptics, or were paralyzed—he healed them all. Large crowds followed him wherever he went... (Matthew 4:23-25, NLT).

The Gospels do not record times when Jesus looked upon the sick and told them that they should live with their illnesses. His heart of compassion always overtook Him, and the result was that multitudes of people were set free and restored in an instant.

The only time it seems that Jesus was hindered in His healing was in his hometown of Nazareth. Those who knew Him were offended by Him, and as a result He healed only a few of the sick. Their unbelief restricted the unleashing of mighty miracles (Mark 6:1-6).

It is obvious in reading through Scripture that Jesus' heart was for all people to be healed. Jesus' authority and power to heal went unchallenged by even the most dramatic and seemingly hopeless situations. If a leper needed to have his skin and body completely restored—no problem. The fact that Lazarus had been dead for several days was not an issue for Jesus when it came time to call him forth from the dead. Even those tormented by demons, with supernatural strength to break chains and terrify people, found instant freedom through Jesus' healing touch.

As you pray through Jesus Christ as Our Healer, invite the Lord to instill in you a renewed faith that fully embraces His power to heal and restore. Perhaps we need a refreshing of our belief!

## **Transformation: Jesus in Our Midst**

**A** s we pray about transformation; we need a common definition of what a truly transformed community might look like:

#### A transformed community is:

- A neighborhood, city, or nation whose values and institutions have been overrun by the grace and presence of God.
- A place where divine fire has not merely been summoned, but has fallen.
- A society in which natural change has been disrupted by invasive supernatural power.
- A culture that has been impacted comprehensively and undeniably by the Kingdom of God.
- A location where Kingdom values are celebrated publicly and passed on to future generations.

#### Community transformation is indicated when:

- Political leaders publicly acknowledge their sin and dependence on God. (2 Kings 11:17-18; 23:1-3; Jonah 3:6-9).
- New laws, curricula, and business practices are put into effect (2 Chronicles 19:4-10; Nehemiah 10:31).
- The natural environment is restored to its original life-nurturing state (Leviticus 26:4-5;

2 Chronicles 7:14; Ezekiel 34:27-31).

- Economic conditions improve and lead to a discernible lessening of poverty. (2 Chronicles 17:3-5; Psalm 144:13-14; Isaiah 60:5-7; Amos 9:13).
- There is a marked change in social entertainment and vices as Kingdom values are integrated into the rhythm of daily life (Ezra 10:1-4; Nehemiah 8:10, 16-17; Acts 19:17-20).
- Crime and corruption diminish throughout the community
- (2 Kings 12:13-15; Nehemiah 5:6-12; Isaiah 60:17-18).
- Volunteerism increases as Christians recognize their responsibility to heal and undergird the community (Isaiah 58:10-12; 61:1-4).
- Restored hope and joy leads to a decline in divorce, bankruptcy, and suicide (Nehemiah 12:27-28, 43; Isaiah 54:11-14; 61:3-7; Jeremiah 30:17-19; 31:11-13; Hosea 2:15).
- The spiritual nature of the growing socio-political renewal becomes a hot topic in secular media (2 Chronicles 20:29; Nehemiah 6:16; Isaiah 55:5; Ezekiel 36:36; Acts 19:17).
- Overwhelmed by the goodness of God, grateful Christians take the embers of revival into surrounding communities and nations (2 Chronicles 17:9; Isaiah 61:6; Acts 11:20-26).

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