



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)

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 Coming King

King Jesus is coming back! As the disciples watched the Lord Jesus ascend into heaven, they were confronted by two angels. Luke records it this way:

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10-11, NIV).

The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the Church's blessed hope. From the time of the disciples until today, we look and long for the return of our King Jesus. This time He will not come as the Gentle Shepherd. He will come as the Sovereign King over all creation.

What a wonderful cause for hope and rejoicing! For those who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, there can be no greater fulfillment of their faith than when they see their Savior face to face. He is the ultimate object of our faith, and we long for that day when our "faith will be sight." Every true believer has a heart filled with the longing and expectation of seeing Jesus in all His glory. His return as Coming King will be the completion of His role as our Savior, Sanctifier, and Healer.

The return of Jesus is a time of hope and expectation for those who belong to Him. But it should also be a challenge to sober reflection and self-examination. The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be a motivation for holy living in this world. Every believer should desire to live a life pleasing to the Lord and worthy of the Lord's commendation of "well done, good and faithful servant" (Mathew 25:21, 23). When He comes as King, He will come in truth and power. He will fulfill His promises as the ultimate answer to the needs of this sinful world.

As believers, our lives should be lived in the light of our "blessed hope" of His return. From the time that He ascended to the Father, until this very day, the joyful expectation and cry of the Bride of Christ has been a prayer in concert with the Holy Spirit, as expressed in Revelation 22:20:
Come, Lord Jesus!

Transformation: Jesus in Our Midst

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

A transformed community is:

- A neighbourhood, 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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