

HOPE- in JESUS

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Main Scripture: Isaiah 9: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-23

Supporting Scriptures: Genesis 3:14-15; Exodus 3:1-6; 13-14; Exodus 6:2-7; Exodus 15: 2; Deuteronomy 18:15; Isaiah 9: 1-7; Isaiah 7: 14; John 1: 4; John 8:12; John 12: 35; John 6:14; Matthew 4: 15-16; Isaiah 11:2; Luke 4:18; Isaiah 35:6; Matthew 11: 4-11; Isaiah 42: 1- 4; Matthew 12:17; Mark 10: 46-52

I'm here to preach the word of the Lord this morning that I will not be able to complete this preaching that the Lord has laid on my mind. Not because of time but because there is such great rejoicing in the spirit we will not be able to contain ourselves there is such a Joy as heaven touches on our Souls that men women and boys and girls will break forth with joyous praise that the preacher will have to stop.

Call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins. Tell someone his name shall be called Jesus. Call His name Jesus.

What a wonderful passage. Ever since the fall of humanity as recorded in the first book of the Bible, Torah, Pentateuch, man became darkened and estranged from God. Mankind became distanced from God because of His sin. Without the knowledge of God, and he who was created in the image of God became, unlike God because of His sin. But so precious were the words of the Lord in the Garden after the fall of mankind (Genesis 3:14-15). Note the promised seed was coming through the seed of the woman. This is the prophecy that was given to mankind and ever since men have been searching for this promise that will bring joy and rest and peace.

Noah found grace in the sight of God

Abram - God preached to him to be a carrier of a one God message that out of him will all the nations be blessed.

As we go down to the story of Moses, where the children were in Egypt there came a time that there was a Pharaoh who didn't know Joseph and put the children of Israel in slavery but then there is a promise hidden in the lineage of the tribe of Judah - one who is destined to become the promised seed. The bible tells us that God would not leave his people in bondage and so one from the house of Levi had a son called Moses. There is something when the blessing is on your life Moses was born and he was a goodly child and God preserved him and hid him in a basket on the river Nile. And the daughter of Pharaoh saw this child on a river filled with reptiles that could devour that child and God caused his presence to rest on pharaoh's daughter and she found favor with the child.

The mystery of God - he can allow his presence in you and you will find favor to do the things he wants you to do.

He was revealed to Abraham as Jehovah

Where God is about to reveal himself is sacred. (Exodus 3:1-6)

Jesus is looking down and seeing the injustice in the land and seeing the affliction of the people in the Land.

God is speaking to a man and said I am who I am (Exodus 3:13-14)

This meaning I will be what I will be not what I will be who you want me to be.

Don't you worry Moses I am that I am

Egypt is a world system that brings bondage. But the promise is with the people of Israel but they are trapped in Egypt.

God wants to deliver people through his name and when the deliverance comes he wants you to know his name. As we read Exodus we recognize how powerful the stretched-out hand of God is as he delivered the children of Israel.

Moses looks back on his desert experience and remembering when God spoke and his deliverance and he says "The Lord is my strength and my song" - Exodus 15: 2

We have seen many prophets since Moses but none fulfilled the prophecy of Moses of the greater prophet that will come. But Isaiah comes on the scene in Isaiah 7:13-14 and sees an experience that has never seen before that a virgin will give birth to a son whose name should be called Emanuel. - "God with us"

Isaiah goes on to write in a dark moment in history, much like ours in a pandemic, men walking around in darkness waking up each day hoping for a new day but all they see is darkness and they move around trying to escape this darkness but they find themselves in chaos and they can't escape on their darkness. There is no hope in Government, no hope in the world health organization, or the United Nations no hope we are all in darkness. How about the private sector, check Phizer or Moderna, or AstraZeneca that should provide hope but seemingly everyone is trapped in darkness. There is no hope in these vaccines every man is trapped in darkness and as Isaiah is listening to the darkness all around God gave him a word that the time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The time where you are trapped in a cycle of darkness will not have to go on forever.

But don't you worry there is a child coming and the Zeal of the Lord is on him and nothing can stop it.

In Matthew 1 we understand by Isaiah's statement that his name will be called wonderful counselor, the counselor of counselors who is full of wonders because him coming into this world, this counselor will not counsel based on information shared with him but will carry the sorrow you feel, the chastisement of your peace will be on him.

Jesus the Messiah was born and Mary was engaged to be married but the virgin became pregnant through the power of the holy spirit. This is not a biological experience this is a move of the Holy ghost.

All of humanity was crippled by the immense darkness and we are still stumbling in the darkness not understanding the spiritual dimensions but trapped in darkness because of Sin and his only hope is living a long life, not understanding there is resurrection beyond the grave. Walking in darkness and ignorant of the truth in Jesus but I thank God that a nation that sat in darkness has seen a great Light.

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I dare you to call on his name. He will save you from this darkness caused by our sins. Jesus has come to set you free.

Someone who was molested as a child - he is a counselor to you you don't have to carry that burden, that thing that has caused you so much weight. God said I am a counselor to those who are abused. He said I am a counselor - to those who were rejected by parents he understands your rejection why because he was rejected by his brothers and his hometown. He faced rejection so he could counsel you out of your rejection. To a mother who doesn't know how to care and now your spirit is overwhelmed in bitterness and rejection and anger but Jesus says when the light shines into darkness the darkness could not comprehend. To those who are suffering from broken relationships, he can counsel you out of it. Those who believe the only answer is suicide, He will deliver you. Those who are hooked on drugs and alcohol trapped in the darkness he can counsel you and deliver you and set you free. those who suffer emotional abuse told by family that you won't be anything good that you don't represent the family well, harsh words spoken by loved ones, you're trapped in a cycle and your world infilled with low self-esteem. those who were sexually taken advantage of and controlled by immoral thoughts and hooked on pornography and sexual immorality has filled your mind. Jesus is here position yourself, like blind Bartimaeus who positioned himself and he heard that Jesus was passing, he had an expectation and as he is listening to the footsteps as people who are passing by, on an average day he knew what to expect but this time he heard that Jesus was passing through his town and so he positioned himself and I want someone to position yourself like him. You know what his name is now based on the scriptures, he is passing your way and as Bartimeous recognize the noise was a bit louder and the footsteps were more men he cried out Jesus son of David. Begin cry out for God to have mercy. Others who thought they know what it is in the light said to keep quiet but he cried out the more. Call him until you feel the anointing meditate on him the one who died for us and was stricken with grief he said come to me and I will give you rest. Call him in your brokenness. Call him. Emanuel God with Us!

There is an army God is raising up shout call his name

God is bringing you past your past. He is holding you with his free spirit. God has become your salvation.

Deliverance is here. Holy Ghost is here. Trapped in your guilt God has forgiven you. God is greater than your heart. The Holy Ghost is here.

Listen to Him yes, come to him. God wants to hear you. Take it!

Healing has taken place he is taking you past your past this is where you break the alabaster box. this is where you are to be filled with Love. Anyone who wants to be delivered from anger lifts your hands in the presence of the Lord. the spirit of grace now rests upon you.

He		knows,		He		knows
The	storms	that	would	my	way	oppose;
He		knows,		He		knows,

And tempers every wind that blows.