

“Hope of the Resurrection Brings Vindication”

Series: Learning the Language of Biblical Hope

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“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13

My search led me to the Hope of the Resurrection and specifically the promise it brings of Vindication!

Vindicate:

“to clear, as from an accusation, an imputation, a suspicion, or the like as in the case of vindicating someone’s honor whose name and reputation has been slandered or false accusations have been made against them.”

• The Hope of the Resurrection radically transforms my perception of “_____”

“Dear friends, **do not be surprised** at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But **rejoice** inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be **overjoyed when his glory is revealed**. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, **you are blessed**, for the **Spirit of glory and of God rests on you**.”

1 Peter 4:12-14

Jesus had a bit to say about WHEN Kingdom People SHOULD FEEL “Blessed”!!!

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who are persecuted because of righteousness, when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹² **Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven**, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matthew 5 (various passages)

• Peter’s Counsel while we Wait/Hope.

“**Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand**, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ **Cast all your anxiety on him** because he cares for you. ⁸ **Be alert and of sober mind**. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ **Resist him, standing firm in the faith**, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.” 1 Peter 5:6-9

• The Hope of the Resurrection gives us a glimpse of our

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his **eternal glory in Christ**, after you have suffered a little while, **will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast**. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 5:10-11

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, **and all these things will be given to you as well**.” Matthew 6:33

Then I saw “**a new heaven and a new earth**,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, **coming down out of heaven from God**, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “**Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God**.” ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelation. 21:1-4

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, **and his servants will serve him**. ⁴ **They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads**. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. **And they will reign for ever and ever**.” Revelation 22:1-5

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