

January 5th, 2024

Take Hope

[Psalm 72:1-7](#)

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor. May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

On January 5, Christ had been on Earth for only a few days. In hindsight, we can attest to his brilliance, his selflessness, and above all, his love. However, before all that, he was but a babe, a series of cells with something unknowable and truly magnificent under the surface.

Solomon, along with all people prior to Jesus' crucifixion, was forced to simply wait and hope for a future savior.

Oftentimes today, we start to lose hope. In times of suffering and worry, it can seem almost impossible to hope.

Looking to my future (as a youth), I see a huge amount of debt I must take on for college. I see the development of a housing bubble making it hard for me to own property. I see inflation making my savings grow thinner and thinner. I see politics becoming increasingly polarizing and tearing apart communities. I see dangerous changes to the very climate in which we all live and breathe.

For many Americans of all backgrounds, the future can seem dim.

Solomon hopes for a future king just like Jesus. He hopes for one who can crush the oppressors, save the needy, judge truly, let righteousness abound, and reign forever.

Today, just like when Solomon lived, we are ruled by flawed leaders in a flawed system. However, as Solomon did, we must look to the future with hope. We must have faith in our God to bring us safely once again towards greener pastures.

And not only must we hope, but we must work towards a better future.

If we all work together, attending church, donating to charity, and volunteering our time, we can make the future seem just a little bit brighter. In conclusion, take hope like Solomon and use this Christian hope to help make the world better.

Prayer: *Lord, help us to have hope in the future. Let us not worry about trivialities and wantings of this world but focus on your spiritual and never ending love. Help us to not only hope for a better future, but to help will it into existence. Amen.*

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