

HOPE

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²¹But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”
—Lamentations 3:21-24 ESV

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“Great is Thy faithfulness,”
O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be.

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Pardon for sin and a
peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and
bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

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“Great is Thy faithfulness!”
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Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided—
“Great is Thy faithfulness,”
Lord, unto me!
—Thomas O. Chisholm

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¹How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow has she become, she who was great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces has become a slave. ²She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.

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**³Judah has gone into exile because of
affliction and hard servitude;
she dwells now among the nations,
but finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.**

—Lamentations 1:1-3 ESV

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2 Kings 22-25

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**“I love the fact that America’s
story cannot be told apart from a
liberty rooted in a Creator and a
society framed in law by His Word
and the hope of the Gospel.”**

2 Chronicles 34-36

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**America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good
with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

—Katharine Lee Bates

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**What is the hope of the Gospel?—
that God transforms slaves into sons.**

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²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. —Colossians 1:21-23 ESV

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Democracy We Enjoy in America

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When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness... And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor. —Declaration of Independence

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¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." —Luke 4:18-19 ESV

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So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. —John 8:36 ESV

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“Democracy and socialism have nothing in common but one word, equality. But notice the difference: while democracy seeks equality in liberty, socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude.”

—Alexis de Tocqueville

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Morality We Have Expressed
in America**

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³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

—John 8:34-36 ESV

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Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith.

—Alexis de Tocqueville

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“The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public’s money.”

—Alexis de Tocqueville

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Social Responsibility We Expect in America**

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“A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world’s greatest civilizations has been 200 years.” —Alexis de Tocqueville

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Hope We Extend to America**

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³¹For the Lord will not cast off forever, ³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

—Lamentations 3:31-33 ESV

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¹⁹But you, O LORD, reign forever; your throne endures to all generations. ²⁰Why do you forget us forever, why do you forsake us for so many days? ²¹Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old—²²unless you have utterly rejected us, and you remain exceedingly angry with us.

—Lamentations 5:19-22 ESV

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