

Kingdom Messenger

Daniel 10

"When I say of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd,' he will certainly do as I say. He will command, 'Rebuild Jerusalem'; he will say, 'Restore the Temple.'"" (Isaiah 44:28 NLT-SE)

Truth: No one is free until they are free to worship the LORD with all their heart.

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1 NIV)

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith," (1 Peter 5:8-9a NIV)

Hope is the confidence that in the mess of this world, the LORD is working out His good and perfect plan all the way to completion.

Four Keys to Strengthening Our Hope

Key #1: A Prayer to Pray. (An Appeal to Make)

Truth: Our greatest influence upon our children, our church and our nation does not come from our conversations, efforts, arguments or actions. Our greatest influence comes from praying to the Sovereign LORD who is willing to perform miracles for His glory.

"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation." (Psalm 85:6-7 ESV)

When we pray for spiritual revival, we are praying for . . .

1. A clearer vision of God's holiness.
2. A sorrow over our own sin.
3. A delight in God's Word.
4. A zeal for God's mission.
5. A love for God's people.

Truth: Our hope is strengthened by our praying.

Key #2: A Glory to See

“And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’” (Isaiah 6:5 ESV).

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Corinthians 4:6 ESV)

Truth: God uses the ministry of the Gospel to give sight to our souls so that we see God’s glory. The soul that sees God trembles before Him. The more we see the more we will tremble. The more we tremble the more we will see.

Truth: Our hope is strengthened by our seeing.

Key #3: A War to Win

“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 11:3 ESV)

“Fight the good fight of the faith.” (1 Timothy 6:12 ESV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” (Ephesians 6:10-13 ESV)

Truth: Our hope is strengthened by our fighting.

Key #4: A Future to Know

Truth: Without holding on to the promises of God we are defenseless against fear, frustration and worry.

Truth: Our hope is strengthened by our knowing.

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” (Romans 10:9-10 ESV)