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"Desire of the Ages"

"Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ," (Titus 2:13)

Historic Hope

Psalm 96:11-13 – [11]"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; [12]let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy [13]before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness."

John 8:56 – "Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

Genesis 49:10 – [10]"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his." (NIV)

Isaiah 64:1-2 – [1]"Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— [2]as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!"

Psalm 82:8 – "Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!"

The Love Connection – Casual or Committed?

Matthew 25:1-13 – [1]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the

bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Love Lifeline

Matthew 6:20-21 – [20]"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. [21]For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Hebrews 11:15-16 – [15]"If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. [16]But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city."

Hebrews 13:14 – "For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come."

Love Leakage

Revelation 2:4 – "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first."

Matthew 24:12 – "And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold."

Luke 21:34-36 – [34]"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. [35]For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. [36]But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)