

The God of Hope and Good Expectations

God of New Beginnings

It shall be a jubilee for you

1. Don't get stuck with a set way

Just becos something worked

prosper 5 yrs ago – not mean

– work today

2. Arise out of whatever

darkness

onument to the Beetle - pest –

testimony – crop failure →

crop of opport

What are the beetle of your life?

3. Shine with the glory of new opportunities and new dreams

60: 4 Look up – about – far –

opportunities come in the arm

Open to new things - new

business, promotion, inc,

hobbies, friends

New spouse? No - Same

spouse – new freshness of rel

Fall in love with spouse – start

preparing for Valentine Day

Could be same job, same

calling – do things in new way

– passion love for job God called

you – creative ideas

– more than reqd – uncommon

Learn to do common things uncommonly well. George

Washington Carvel

12 And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the nations will hope in him." 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God of hope – source of hope –

cause overflow – power

Positive expectation of good - why

1. Your God is always at work

Phil 2:13

13 because God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose. TEV

Always – not work a while –

gone on a two year vacation –

too bad – got to be on your own

Too many peo are living as if

God is not at work going around

How do we live as if God has taken a vacation?

Worried and upset

– always trying to figure

everything thing out

How to get out of this prob

How to change child

When am I going to get married

How my dreams going to come to pass

Recog that God is always at

work – even right now – behind

the scene – arranging things in

your favor – look back see

hand of God

How does God often work

unseen and behind the

scene?

Fighting the battle for you,

vindicating you

Lining up right peo come

across your path

Orchestrating oport behind

the scene

Got my wife – sec in the

Stationary store – manager –

Bible school very strict

House – start church – Shah

alam – OUT - Tan Yew Lai -

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Even use adversities – draws

us a step closer to fulfilling

promises

Church – pass by – laundry –

claim – disappointed – building

on auction – bid lows – former

missionary as the CEO – all the

favor – inside information – cut

story short – way to call of the

tender legally – awarded us – tho

not the highest bid

Sometimes – dry spell –

season – can't see anything –

give up

Just becos you cant see

anything – it does not mean

God is not at work – fact is

God is always at work

What was the problem with

the vision of the 10 spies?

10 spies saw the giants – saw

themselves – but didn't see

God

but the peo that know their God

– strong – do great exploits

Fact – God is already at work

– giants were living in fear of

them – that is what Rahab told

the 2 spies – Jericho

How come – living in fear

INSTEAD?

Do not be a prisoner of fear and

bitterness

Numbers 13:33

33 We saw the Nephilim there.

We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

10 spies – negative vision - see

impossibilities

– only see Giants – themselves as grasshoppers -

have you wondered why – so

negative – fear - bitter

400 slaves – most 10th gen

slaves – left Egypt – Egypt has

not left them

Life can be unfair – so easy and

nat – fearful, worry or bitter

What happen if we allow the

bitterness and fear take

root in our heart?

It is understandable – but the

fact remains – if allow that to

take root – become stronghold

in our heart

Make us slaves – keep us slaves

Rob us of the blessings

– 400 yrs slave – so close –

can even smell the land

But he made me mad – just

admitted you became his slave

But - allow – come in - lit eat us

of our alive – cancer - eat our

dream

Prov 14:30

30 Peace of mind makes the body

healthy, but jealousy is like a

cancer. TEV

rots the bone – eat you alive

The bitterness becomes a

stronghold in mind

Psalms 23:5-6

5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You welcome me as a guest, anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever. NLT

Arise out of the slavery of excuses, failures or even past success.

Arise out of the **darkness** –

despair – excuses - failures

Life may be unfair – **God** is fair

I can't do it – don't have the

skills -

Too old! Too late!

Amazing – see **some** people –

so **creative** in giving excuses -

if

If they channel **their creative** energies in making excuses to improve their job performance, they will get amazing results.

Some peo live a life of **regrets**,

beat self over mistakes

Oh I blow it – lost change – just

settle with what I am

Life is not **over** – until God says

it is over

When one dream **dies**, dream

another dream

One door **closed** God open

another door

God would not allow one door to

be closed if there is no other

doors

Didn't get the **job** – apply

another

When one **gal** says no – news –

not end of world – look for

another

Oh – this is only girl that I would

fall in love – cut it – God has a

better one prepared for you

How does our past success

hinder our present?

Oh I am **already** quite successful

Don't be a slave of past vict!

Peo – delivered – **longing** for

onions – **best** of what they had

and garlic's – I can understand –

spaghetti aglio olio

Your **greatest VICT** is not in the

past – yet to **come**

2. Be a prisoner of Hope

Zechariah 9:8-12

8 But I will defend my house ...for now I am keeping watch. 9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey.

10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. NIV

11 The LORD says, "Because of my covenant with you that was sealed by the blood of sacrifices, I will set your people free--free from the waterless pit of exile. TEV

70 years

12 Return to the stronghold, You **prisoners of hope**. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you. NKJV

Pas – you are always so

positive?

– can't help it – blood -

Prisoners of Hope

believer of good things will

happen - double

– God promised double blessing

How does hope protect us

from pessimism and

defeatism?

Hope – **helmet** – keep us from the attacks of evil circumstances

Don't accept any setbacks or failures as finals. What is final is God's Promises!

2 Corinthians 4:18

18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Don't accept negative things as **permanent**

Struggled in **ma** – rel – say –

my marriage as good as it

gets

God: soln bef prob arises

Addicted to some thing – say –

never get out of it

You can do all things

Dreaming so long -

discouraged – say – it will always be like this – accept a life of **mediocrity**

Sick – Doc – live with it – say –

get to live with it loh

Shall not die but live

Lame 38 years

Bound 18 years

Blind from birth

Why Jesus ask – **how long?**

That's going to **end** – no

matter now how **long** - when

Jesus comes into the pict

One very most word of faith – it

shall come to pass

Kid not living right – that will

change

Health – that will **change**

Finance low – say to cheque

book – you are subject to

change

Boss – not doing right – you

are subject to change

Under your breath

Story – **90** yrs old man – came to ch – with tears – received Christ

–

Wife and kids praying 60 yrs

Year after year – thank you one

day – believe – serve – never

give up

Your future is as bright as the promises of God

1 Thess 2:13-14

13 And we also thank God continually for this, that when you received the message of God from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who **believe**. AMP

Never give up

Rise up in faith – activate God's

power

Never too late to be all that God

wants us to be

Problems not there to stay

A reason to live – expect another great new day

You are not just **existing**,

surviving – thrive

Keep hearing God's Promises

When slavery was **abolished** –

many slaves remains slaves –

many years – Master very

clever – keep them from

hearing the good news

Keep hearing the good news –

rainbow blessings – get tape –

also **Scripture** CD – new year –

selling like hot **cakes**

Story of **Jericho** – Rahab

Rahab – prosti – what fut? **What**

hope?

What is the reason for

Rahab's hope even she was

in a hopeless situation?

Even if had children – don't even

know who the father was

One day – **heard** good news

from the

Spies – led down spies robe –
hang a **scarlet thread**

Heb – thread – tiqvah – also

hope

With God – prisoner of hope

Married son of **riches** man of

Judah – son - son – **Boaz** –

married Ruth

Married great great grandma of

Jesus - – mother not a Jew

Thread: hope

Scarlet: blood

Hope immersed in the blood of

Christ