

WHAT HOPE IS THIS?



ISAIAH 59:20

"And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.



"For hope to be hope, it must address the biggest, deepest, darkest dilemmas of our lives. If hope can't fix what is broken, why would we hope in it?"

PAUL TRIPP



ACCUSATIONS

AGAINST GOD

ISAIAH 5981

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear.



INDICTMENT

ISAIAH 59:2

...but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.



HONEST

CONFESSION

ISAIAH 59:9-11

Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We grope for the wall like the blind; we grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among those in full vigor we are like dead men.

ISAIAH 59:9-11 (CONT.)

We all growl like bears; we moan and moan like doves; we hope for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us.



ISAIAH 59:12-13a

For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the LORD, and turning back from following our God,

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ANSWER

ISAIAH 59:15b-16

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ISAIAH 59:15b-16

The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.



ISAIAH 59:17-19

He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment.

ISAIAH 59:17-19 (CONT.)

So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives.



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