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Hopeful Anticipation



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POINT #1: Hope Is A Confident Anticipation
That God Will Keep His Promise.

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**²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.**

**³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder...**




**⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his
shoulders.**

And he will be called

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**⁷ Of the greatness of his government and
peace there will be no end.**



**He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.**

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²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

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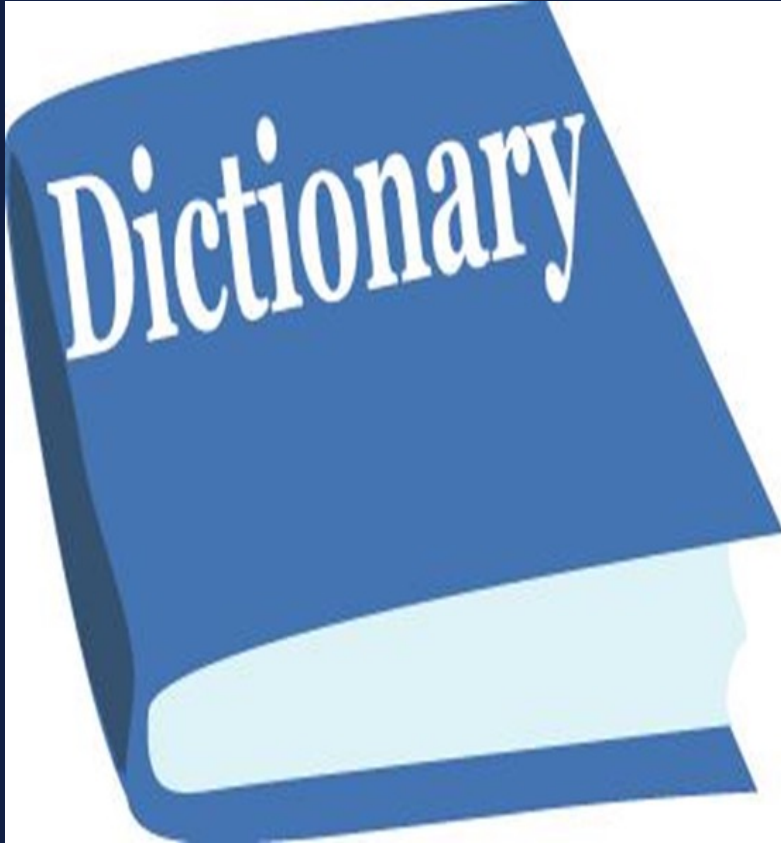
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Consolation:

a comfort received by a person after a loss or disappointment.

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**“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to
her that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for”.**

Isaiah 40:1–2

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POINT #3: Hope Is A Confident Anticipation Of
The Future That Impacts The Present.

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26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

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**29 “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
32 a light of revelation to the Nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.”**

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POINT #4: HOPE IS FOUND IN A PERSON.

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Where do I find my hope?

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How do we join Him in that work?

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