

## **HOPE FOR THE NATIONS 2 slides**

Hope in Christ is always rewarded.

**Jeremiah 29:11-14** “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD...”

**John 4:23** “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is *seeking* such people to worship him.”

**R.C. Sproul**, “The Magi brought lavish gifts to Christ because they believed HE was worthy of their sacrifice and honor.”

**Isaiah 60:1-3, 6** “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising...A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.”

**Psalms 72:10-11** “May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!”

**1 Chronicles 21:24** “But King David said to Ornan, ‘No, but I will buy them for the full price. *I will not take for the LORD what is yours, nor offer burnt offerings that cost me nothing.*’”

The gift the Lord wants is you this Christmas.

**Romans 12:1** “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”