

Bright Hope for Tomorrow

Spoken Word by Lina Cole

(Starts singing third verse of Great is Thy Faithfulness)

"Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow"

Bright hope for tomorrow...
The unknown tomorrow full of anxiousness
The unknown tomorrow with possible pain
The unknown tomorrow with loss and need
Can we have peace in the midst of this?
Can we have peace when tomorrow is not in our control?

Look at the lilies and how they bloom with beauty and
splendor. Look at the birds and how they have food each day...
are we not more valuable than them?
Did Jesus saved us from our sin to let us starve in our need?
No, the Word says... He is a Father who cares.
The One who provides.
The One who fights.
The One who sustains.

But what should we do when suffering comes our way?
What should we do when no matter how much we pray, the
Father says wait?
Should we complain? Should we dare to think we know better
than the One who holds the whole world on His hands?

No... we should praise Him! We should glory in our sufferings,
because we know that suffering produces perseverance;
perseverance produces character; and character produces
hope. And hope! Hope will not put us to shame.

And "In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if
necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the
tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that
perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in
praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."