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Here's Hope  
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The testimony of Scripture is consistent. God only lets the evil man triumph so long, then there's judgment. For us it seems like the wicked prosper, and sometimes they do. The triumph of evil over good, however, is just for so long, then God gets involved. The tenor and tone of the Biblical records teach us that God is very, very concerned about the direction of our societies. He sees, and better, He cares where we're headed. He has given free will, but not forever! I find great solace in the concept of a God who gets involved. He pulls down governments and sets others up. He removes leaders that use and abuse their positions and powers. He is not just... watching. He is waiting for just the right time to bring to light and to justice the workings and wreckings of leaders, groups, and movements. He will get involved.

He is the God of a just universe. He will do right. When our particular group is doing well, then we are pleased. That is not always the case with God. He sees our motives and our manipulations and smooth backdoor deals. He is very well aware of all of the above, and... He will do right. We think that we are in control and can do whatever we will. Not so. God is running the show. He only lets us go just so far. The New Testament teaches plainly the existence of hell and heaven. If you have the privilege of listening to a preacher on Sunday who believes in a hell and heaven at the end of time, then you are blessed. Heaven and hell represent a very simple idea... the eternal judgment of God. In the end we will find out what RG Lee preached in a famous sermon. "Somehow I always knew that God runs the whole show." No one ever gets away with anything. All sin will be accounted for because this is God's world. In the end His universe will be just. I find hope in that. Sometimes it feels as if the evil man prospers, but that's not so.

I find hope in the idea that God is watching over the weak, faltering, and despairing believer. God sees you and He cares. He will reward you for every good deed you've done, especially those deeds, prayers, and words that are done in the prayer closet. Does not the *Sermon on the Mount* teach that? If God did not reward the good man, then justice would fail. In His own way and in His own time, He rewards. I believe He rewards here, but not always here on earth. The Bible promises the Meek will inherit the Earth. I believe that because God is a fair (and also a merciful) God. Your deeds have been noted. Your prayers have been heard. Your heart has been felt. And... God will take care of you. You can believe that. No, I think you can bank on that. Why? Well, because in the end, God runs the whole show.

To the selfish and proud I would say, "God will take care of you." To the humble and downcast I would say "God will take care of you."

He's on His throne. He sees it all. He knows it all (better than we do) and He is just!

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