

Hope

Scripture passages on hope and liberation, with especial reference to people in poverty

"Lord, you listen to the laments of the poor,
You give them courage, you grant them a hearing."
Psalm 10:17

"You have turned my mourning into dancing, you have stripped off my
sackcloth and clothed me with joy."
Psalm 30:11

"God has fed the hungry to their hearts' content
Filled the starving with good things."
Psalm 107:9

"The Lord keeps faith for ever,
Gives justice to the oppressed,
Gives food to the hungry;
The Lord sets prisoners free.
He gives sight to the blind,
Lifts up those who are bowed down.
The Lord protects the stranger,
He sustains the orphan and the widow."
Psalm 146:7-8

"On this mountain, for all peoples, Yahweh Sabaoth is preparing a banquet of
rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of succulent food, of well-strained wines.
On this mountain he has destroyed the veil which used to veil all peoples, the
pall enveloping all nations; he has destroyed death for ever. Lord Yahweh has
wiped away the tears from every cheek."
Isaiah 25:6-8

"Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me: to break unjust fetters, to undo the
thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break all yokes? Is it

not sharing your food with the hungry, and sheltering the homeless poor...?"
Isaiah 58:6-7

"If you deprive yourself for the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, your light will rise in the darkness, and your darkest hour will be like noon."
Isaiah 58:10

"The spirit of the Lord Yahweh has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the news to the afflicted, to soothe the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, release to those in prison, to proclaim a year of favour from Yahweh."
Isaiah 61:1-2

"When all the prisoners in a country are crushed underfoot, when human rights are overridden in defiance of the Most High, when someone is cheated of justice, does not the Lord see it?"
Lamentations 3:34-36

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."
Luke 4:18