KA PULE MUA O KA HIKINA
THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Ka Manaʻolana: Hope

Heluhelu Baibala / Scripture Reading

ʻIsaia (Isaiah) 9:6-7

Ka Wānana No Ke Keiki Aliʻi ‘O Kristo / The Prophecy of the Christ Child

No ka mea, ua hānau ‘ia mai he keiki no kākou, no kākou i hā‘awi ‘ia mai ai, he keikikāne; Ma luna o kona poʻohiwi ke aupuni; A e kapa ‘ia kona inoa, ‘o Kupaianaha, ‘io Kākāʻōlelo, ‘o Keakuamana, ‘o Kamakuamauloa, ‘o Kealiʻiokamalu.

‘Aʻole e pau ka māhuahua ʻana o kona aupuni, a me ka malu: Ma ka noho aliʻi o Dāvida ia, a ma kona aupuni nō hoʻi, e hoʻāla hou ia mea, a e hoʻokūpaʻa iā ia. Me ka hoʻoponopono a me ka maikaʻi, mai kēia wā aku, a i ke ao pauʻole.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Manaʻo / Thoughts

Ka Manaʻolana, the hope of a coming child into a family household is a beautiful experience. For those who have experienced the coming of a newborn baby brother or sister the excitement grows and grows with each day that promised arrival nears. Such is the case with the coming of the Christ child. For the people of Israel, the announcement of the coming of a Savior came through prophecy long before our Savior’s first advent.
What is a prophecy? It is defined in the dictionary as being an inspired utterance of a prophet who is gifted by divine revelation to foretell the future. What is clear from this definition is that the revelation was of divine origin. In Hawaiian, the word for prophecy is wānana, as in the name of a famous Hawaiian aliʻi Kawānanakoa, meaning “the brave prophecy.”

The passage of scripture that always comes to my mind when Advent season arrives comes from the Prophet Isaiah, who revealed in Isaiah 9:6 these magnificent words that describe who this Christ child would be: 1) The King or the director of Administration, 2) the most amazing Counselor, advocate or friend, 3) Ke Akua Mana Loa – the most powerful One, 4) Eternal Father who loves us forever and 5) Ke Aliʻi o Ka Malu or the royal One who delivers and establishes peace and hope.

Hope is described as having a solid trust that God will never deny the promises that are revealed to us through the Baibala Hemolele (The Hawaiian Bible). Therefore, we can rely on God’s words of healing, forgiveness and love. Romans 15:13 shares this with us, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Our hope is in Jesus!

Finally, the Christ child came to save us and to be a servant leader for both the people of Israel and the Gentiles. This term is given to all peoples who are not Jewish and the word foretells of God’s blessing upon all nations.

Thus, Jesus is the first global missionary! He is the hope of the nations, Christ’s coming should give us encouragement and a quiet confidence in knowing that we have been cared for by a God who loves all and desires a relationship with us. This is a certainty that is given to us through Faith, and HOPE. God will do it.

**Questions to Ponder**

- Why do you think God sent Jesus here to us in the form of a child?
- How would you react to a newborn baby if you were asked by a mother or father to hold their baby for a moment?
- Why is encouraging hope in a child’s development important to believe in?

**Pule**

E ke Akua o ka manaʻolana – to the God of hope, prepare our hearts to receive the gift of life through Christ Jesus who has come to teach us how to love God and to love others. Ma ka inoa o ʻesū – in the name of Jesus, ‘Amene.
For Keiki

When you were a baby, your parents cared for you, protected you, fed you, clothed you, changed you and most of all loved you. Isn’t it good to know that Jesus’ parents did the same thing when he was a baby growing up? They took good care of him and according to Jewish culture the protocol for newborns was when the baby was a week old they were taken to the priest to be blessed.

When Joseph and Mary, Jesus’ earthly parents, did this they were greeted by a prophet by the name of Simeon who revealed to them and all that were gathered that Jesus would be a light to the world.

This message from God through Simeon gave Jesus’ parents hope that they were indeed caring for a baby boy who was much more than just an infant. Jesus would grow up to be a strong worker, a gentile teacher, a regal and noble man of good character, but what is more is that Jesus stepped into his rightful place of Savior of the nations, and proclaimed the title of “Emmanuel,” God with us.

What do you think people said about what you would become when you grew up? Do you remember anyone, your parents or relatives telling you recently what they believed you would be like when they saw you as a baby? Did they say you would be an athlete, a musician, a leader or even a peacemaker?

Keiki Pule:
Aloha e Iesū, I love you and I pray that you help me and my family experience your peace and joy during this Christmas season. Please protect us and allows us to bless others. Ma ka inoa o Iesū, ‘Amene.

Keiki Activity
Go home and ask you parent(s), guardian, siblings, grandparents and even older relatives what they were thinking when they first saw you as a baby, and what they believed you would grow up to be.

Draw a picture or write a short story of who you hope to become when you are older.
“I Call Him Lord”
by Dottie Rambo

Master, Redeemer, Savior of the world.
Wonderful, Counselor, Bright Morning Star.
Lily of the valley, Provider and Friend,
He was yesterday, He'll be tomorrow, The Beginning and The End.
ʻO ia i nehinei, ʻO ia ʻāpōpō, ʻO ia hoʻi a mau loa

CHORUS:

The angels called Him Jesus, He was born of The Virgin.
Mary called Him Jesus, Oh but I call Him Lord.

Jehovah, Messiah, Mighty God and King.
He is the Bread of Life, the lasting words of love that I sing.
The Light and darkness, Door to heaven, my home in the sky,
He is he Fountain of Living Water that never shall run dry.

Puaʻi ʻO ia la, me ka wai ola, e maloʻo ʻole kēnā wai

CHORUS