

The Gift of Hope

The Psalmist understood the meaning of Biblical Hope. **Psalm 56:3-4a**

The stronger my hope the weaker my anxieties and fears. **Hebrews 6:18-19a**

What an anchor is to a ship, hope is to the soul.

We are held steady in the midst of any storm!

BECAUSE OUR ANCHOR HOLDS **Romans 15:4; Psalm 25:5**

I. BIBLICAL HOPE IS NOT MERELY AN OPTIMISTIC DESIRE

A desire that something will be fulfilled.

That hope is not a guaranteed hope.

It is subject to changeable people and changeable circumstances.

What are you basing your hope on?

- a. Hope in legal justice: The justice system is not always just.
- c. Hope in people's promises: People you look up to can let you down.
- d. Hope in your education: Knowledge without Wisdom is disastrous.
- e. Hope in your work: If you lose your job, you lose your Hope.
- f. Hope in your strength: What if you lose your health, then what?
- g. Hope in your savings: Your plans can be shattered!

II. BIBLICAL HOPE IS AN OPTIMISTIC ASSURANCE

Biblical hope is a guaranteed hope anchored in our unchangeable Savior and Lord.

- 1. Hope in God's unchanging values: **Psalm 119:160; 165**
- 2. Hope in God's unchanging justice **Deuteronomy 32:4**
- 3. Hope in God's unchanging promises **2 Timothy 2:13**
- 4. Hope in God's unchanging integrity and righteousness **Psalm 36:5-6**
- 5. Hope in God's unchanging wisdom and understanding **Jeremiah 51:15**
- 6. Hope in God's unchanging purpose for your life **Psalm 57:2; 10**
- 7. Hope in God's unchanging abilities **2 Corinthians 9:8**
- 8. Hope in God's unchanging financial provision **1 Timothy 6:17**
- 9. Hope in God's plans for your future **1 Corinthians 15:42-44**

III. BIBLICAL HOPE IS ALWAYS BASED ON THE GUARANTEED PROMISES OF GOD!

- 1. Biblical hope will never disappoint. **Romans 5:3-5**
- 2. Let this be our prayer, **Psalm 119:116**

IV. HOW CAN YOU BE SURE THAT BIBLICAL HOPE IS GUARANTEED AND THAT GOD WILL FULFILL HIS PROMISES?

You can have confidence in His hope because of His character.

- 1. He promises a future filled with peace, and eternal life in His presence.
- 2. He cannot lie!

Hebrews 6:18-19a; Jeremiah 29:11

WHERE HAVE YOU PLACED YOUR HOPE THIS MORNING?