

Hope In The Lord – Psalm 119.49-56

There is hope in the Lord, but more than this we can hope because of all He has promised to do and all He has done. His Word clearly shows His faithfulness to complete all of His promises. It is in these promises we must place all our hope, faith, truth and stand firm.

Many of us can remember a day when someone promised us something, or we were hoping for something to take place and it does not. How did that make you feel when the promise was broken or your hopes were dashed? With God we never need to be afraid of a broken promise or that our hopes will be dashed. Matter a fact in God because of His Son, Jesus Christ, we have a Living Hope (I Peter 1.3) secured by Christ's death on the cross, His shed blood. Amazing!

When all seems lost in our most desperate times, we can look back at all God has done and be comforted. If there is no comfort in the Lord then there is no comfort. He has given us His Word to guide us through life. Not just with rules or command, but to show us His faithfulness and trust worthiness. It is in these things we can find life, comfort and peace for each struggle.

The Psalmist goes on to say even though people might have him boxed in, like Saul did many times (1 Samuel 18-31), he never forgot the Law of the Lord or His judgement. Now it is not that His judgements were all punishments, but that what God looks at, what God judges is correct the first time. Because God looks at the man's heart and not what is on the outside. Look at Paul for an example (Acts 8-9). This does not mean God does not use people, bad people for His purpose, but God always knows what He is doing.

God's Word should never be a burden in our lives, on the contrary. It should be a blessing and a song. It should be something we want and desire to do every day. We must want to spend time in the Love Letters of our Lord and Savior. We must want to know and remember the Words of the God and Father who loved us so much He sent His only Son to die for our sins (Romans 5.8) and not just this, but rose again on the third day. How much do we really love God? Put His Word in your heart as a song.

Application

1. Have you lost your hope? Have you had promises broken? Place your hope and trust in the Lord Jesus today and He will never break a promise and you will know a Living Hope. Ask God for help today, God I need Your help to understand Your promises and Living Hope. Lord I know Your promises are true and I believe in Your Living Hope given to me by the sacrifice of Your Son Jesus Christ. Help me to remember and trust in Your Promises, and Your Living Hope.
2. What promise has God fulfilled in your life? How did this make you feel? When God fulfilled His promise what were you doing or not doing? How long ago was this? Why has God not fulfilled any promises lately? Get in God's Word and ask God to begin to work within you again to fulfill His promises within you.
3. Spend 10 minutes today meditating on God's Word, seeking His heart and searching His promises. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you?

Prayer

My Father Who Art in Heaven praise be Your holy name. Thank You for Your Son and His precious sacrifice on the cross for my sins. Thank You for the promises You have fulfilled in my life and all You have completed especially the Living Hope You have given to us through Your Son Jesus Christ. Lord help me to trust in Your promises and place my faith in Your Living Hope. In Jesus Christ Name I pray, Amen.