

Anchored Hope

Main Text: Hebrews 6:18–19

“Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have **great confidence** as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a **strong** and **trustworthy anchor for our souls**.”

WHAT DOES HOPE REALLY MEAN?

Biblical hope is a confident expectation based on the character and promises of God.

Psalm 39:7

“And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you.”
— NLT

Our hope is not in something. Our hope is in Someone.

1. BIBLICAL HOPE IS ROOTED IN GOD

Psalm 146:5

“But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.” — NLT

Jeremiah 17:7

“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.” — NLT

Numbers 23:19

“God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind.” — NLT

Hebrews 10:23

“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.” — NLT

“I may not understand what God is doing, but I know who God is.”

2. BIBLICAL HOPE SEES BEYOND THE PRESENT

One of the greatest enemies of hope is believing that what you see right now is all there is.

Romans 8:24–25

“We were given this hope when we were saved. If we already have something, we don’t need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don’t yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.” — NLT

Romans 4:18

“Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations.” — NLT

Psalms 42:5

“Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God!” — NLT

“My pain is real, but my God is greater than my pain.”

3. HOPE GIVES US STRENGTH WHILE WE WAIT

Proverbs 13:12

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.” — NLT

Isaiah 40:31

“But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.

4. OUR ULTIMATE HOPE IS JESUS CHRIST

Biblical hope is not ultimately about getting a better life. It is about having Jesus.

Colossians 1:27

“And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

1 Timothy 1:1

“Christ Jesus, who gives us hope.” — NLT

JESUS GIVES US HOPE BECAUSE OUR SINS CAN BE FORGIVEN

Romans 3:23

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” — NLT

Romans 5:8

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” — NLT

Ephesians 1:7

“He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.” — NLT

JESUS GIVES US HOPE BECAUSE THE GRAVE IS NOT THE END

1 Peter 1:3

“It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation.” — NLT

John 11:25–26

“I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.” — NLT

OUR HOPE GOES BEYOND THIS LIFE

1 Corinthians 15:19

“And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.” — NLT

Revelation 21:4

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow