

Living in Hope

Hope is the Positive Expectation of Good that comes from the God of Hope. Romans 15:13

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In the midst of his trials, the Lord spoke to Abraham and said, **“Fear not, Abraham: I am your shield and your exceeding great reward.”** Genesis 15:1.

Fear is the negative expectation of loss, hurt or disaster. It is a powerful weapon of the thief who comes to steal, kill and destroy: the devil. John 10:10a.

But Jesus said, “I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10b.

The Lord gave Abraham **hope of protection from all evil, and hope of total provision of every need.** Philippians 4:19, Ephesians 1:3, 2:4 -10.

Fear, doubt and unbelief are “the dark rooms where we develop our negatives.”
(In the days of film photography, we used a dark room to develop the negative film, before printing the positive prints.)

God has given us hope through the many exceeding great and precious promises of the Word of God.

The Word contains thousands of promises. (R. A. Torrey - 3000 to D. Y. Cho - 9000). 2Peter 1:3,4, 2Corinthians 1:20.

At this time, the Holy Spirit is witnessing to His people, to choose hope in God of a positive expectation of good, and to refuse negative expectation of evil. Philippians 4:4 -7, 8.

Our expectation or hope is from the Lord. Psalm 62:5 – 8.

We have been raised with Christ, and we are to seek those things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. We are to set our minds on things above, not on things on earth, for we have died to the old life, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1 – 3.

We have been raised up and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 2:6.

As He is so are we in this world. 1John 4:17.

We are complete in Him who is the head of all principality and power. Colossians 2:10.

My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19.

The Lord will repay your labour, and a full reward will be given to you, by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge. Ruth 2:12.

As we meditate in the Word of God, the blessings of God flow into our lives. Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1 – 3, Proverbs 4:20 -22, Romans 10:8 – 10, Proverbs 18:21, Psalm 116:10, 2Corinthians 4:13, Deuteronomy 30:11 – 14, Hebrews 10:23, Hebrews 3:1, Hebrews 4:14. God is watching over His Word to perform it, when it is spoken in heart faith. Jeremiah 1:12, 2Coirinthians 4:13.

The Hebrew word for “meditate” means to think about something by saying it out aloud, as a proclamation, or as a word of thanks, or as an expression of praise; coming from heart belief and faith. Psalm 116:10, 2Corinthians 4:13.

God’s Word is His creative power, when believed and spoken in faith. Luke 1:37, (Amplified Version.) Isaiah 55:10,11.

“Blessed is she who has believed, for there shall be a performance of those things spoken unto her by the Lord.” Luke 1:45.

Mary had previously said, “Be it unto me according to your word.” Luke 1:38.

Joshua was a busy leader of about 3 million Israelites, who were set to enter the “Promised Land”. God said to Joshua, “This Book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.” Joshua 1:8.

In Psalm 1, it is written, “Blessed is the man that....delights in the law of the Lord; and in His law does he meditate day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.”

In Deuteronomy 30:11 – 14, the Gospel that Paul preached in the New Testament, Romans 10:6 – 8, was preached to Israel. The Lord said, through Moses to Israel, that as they kept His Word in their heart and mouth, they would receive the ability to walk in the Word that they believed and spoke, and so be fully blessed of God in all things. This was the same word the Lord spoke to Joshua, and though Psalm 1 to His people of all ages. Hebrews 10:23, Hebrews 3:1, and Jeremiah 1:12.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13.