

Jesus Our Hope

*Psalm 43 &
Selected Scriptures*

People need...

...hope!

Joh 5:7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

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The battle for hope occurs in the mind.

-Despair sees all of the reasons for one to become or remain hopeless.

-Hope is also in the mind and sees all the reasons for one to anticipate a joyful or meaningful future.

The Devil- Destroys Hope

Almighty God- Offers Hope! And much more!

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Outside of Christ = NO HOPE!

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Hope endures only as long as the object of hope.

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-Job needed hope

Job 31:24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence; 25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much; 26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness; 27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand: 28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above.

TEXT: Psalm 43

- 1 ¶ Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
- 2 For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- 3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles

TEXT: Psalm 43

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Our state outside of hope-

Despair in mind

Depression in heart

Despondent in expression

Cast off

Cast down

Mourning

Trapped

Overwhelmed

Oppressed

Our state with Hope-

Our cause is heard in the courts of heaven

Deliverance from the effects of untruth and injustice

Strength – God's strength becomes our own

Illumination of truth in our hearts

Illumination of the path to God

Illumination of God's presence

Sacrifice

Joy

Praise

Ability to counsel ourselves from God's Word

Healthy countenance

Confidence that Jehovah IS my God!

God is:

The Just Judge

Our Deliverer

Our Strength

Our Guide

Our Light

The Truth

The Example of Abraham

Rom. 4:

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

Abraham continued to hope when hopelessness made more rational sense.

How do we regain or maintain hope?

1. Remember it is a battle in the mind.
2. Rom. 12 –“by the renewing of your mind”

We choose to believe God

Hoping when all we can see is hopelessness

Hope is trust that God is reliable

Hope chooses to believe that God is good

Hope refuses to allow circumstances to take

God off of the throne of my heart

Hope waits on God, trusting Him with the future

3. Allow Scripture to change our perspective –Ps. 31
4. Remember Christ is our Hope! -1 Cor. 15

Rom. 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.