

Hope

Lamentations 3:18-26 And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD: **19** Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. **20** My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. **21** This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. **22** *It is of* the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. **23** *They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness. **24** The LORD *is* my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. **25** The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him. **26** *It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

130 times we find the word 'hope' in the Bible. It is probably to no one's surprise that the book of **Psalms** takes first place for using the word hope the most times out of all the books of the Bible. But the book that takes second place might surprise you: **JOB** For you see it is in your time of trial that you need **HOPE** the most!

GOD IS HOPE

Romans 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.

Joy & Peace comes from HOPE in CHRIST!

Ephesians 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:

Romans 3:16-17 Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: **17** And the way of peace have they not known:

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

Hope itself is not the answer! HOPE placed in God is the answer!

Hebrews 6:18-19 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: **19** Which *hope* we have as an **anchor of the soul**, both sure and **stedfast**, and which entereth into that within the veil;

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Refrain

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Psalms 118:8-9 *It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.*

Romans 8:24-25 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.

Faith is the substance of hope

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

3 Truths from this Passage

1. THE REASON

(18-20) And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD: 19 Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. 20 My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

2. THE RECALLING

(21) This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

- **Recalling His Pardon**

22 *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.*

- **Recalling His Provision**

23 *They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*

- **Recalling His Portion**

24 **The LORD is my portion**, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

- **Recalling My Patience**

(25) The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.

- **Recalling His Plan**

(26) *It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

This Recalling leads to a Rejoicing:

3. THE REJOICING

(26) *It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

Psalms 119:71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.