

FINDING REAL HOPE

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Discovering real hope is a driving dynamic in life.
- B. Not **false** hope or **fake** hope.
- C. Biblical hope is looking to the future with great expectation of what God **will** do.

I pray that God, the source of our hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust Him.

Romans 15:13

In your name I will hope, for Your name is good.

Psalm 25:9

- Jehovah Shammah = God is always there.
- God is aware of our needs
- God is able to help.

I. GOD IS WATCHING OVER YOU

A. ***Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you.***

Isaiah 41:10

B. God's **presence** is the certainty in life that counters our uncertainty in life.

The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

Psalm 23:8

I have hope when I think of this: The Lord's love never ends; His mercies never stop. They are new every morning.

Lamentations 3:21-23

II. GOD'S PURPOSE IS WORKING IN YOU

A. God is always doing good things, even when the situation is **bad**.

B. ***And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.*** Romans 8:28

- **"We know"**.....Not maybe but confidence, conviction, certainty
- **"God causes"**.....Not fate but with intentionality
- **"All things"**.....Yes bad but not evil.
- **"To work together for the good"**.....He supports, directs and changes

III. GOD HAS A PLACE WAITING FOR YOU

A. ***Don't be troubled. You trust God, now trust in Me...I am going to prepare a place for you.***

John 14:1-2

God has reserved for His children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you...And God, in His mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting Him...So be glad!

I Peter 1:4-5

B. What is the hope of heaven?

- You will be with God for all eternity (Isaiah 46:3-5)
- You will be totally separated from evil (Revelation 21:4)
- Your life will come to full fruition (Isaiah 40:31)

CONCLUSION: