Our Hope

" '*Behold My Servant (speaking of Jesus), whom I have chosen; My Beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased: I will put **My Spirit upon Him**, and He shall proclaim justice to the Nations. He shall not strive, nor cry; nor shall any man hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench, until He sends forth justice unto victory*.' **And in His Name the Nations Shall Hope**." (Matthew 12:18-21) (a quote from Isaiah 42:1-3)

"Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God **through our Lord Jesus Christ**; through whom we also have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, **and rejoice in Hope of the glory of God**. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation works patience; and patience, experience; and experience: **Hope**. And **Hope** does not disappoint; because **the Love of God** has been poured out in our hearts **through the Holy Spirit** who is given to us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**." (Romans 5:1-6)

"Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear Him, upon those **who Hope in His mercy**; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. **Our soul waits for the LORD**. **He** is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice **in Him**, because we have **trusted in His Holy Name**. Let Your **mercy**, O LORD, be upon us, according **as we Hope in You**." (Psalms 33:18-22)

Shall-Hope: from the Greek word ***elpiousin*** a verb which means: shall-hope, hoped, or are-expecting, or are-trusting; from ***elpis***: hope.

Hope: from the Greek word ***elpis*** a noun which means: hope; expectation and confidence with faith, trust, and patient waiting for what is sure or certain to happen; especially hope in God, and in the promises of God that believers have not yet seen fulfilled in their lives; usually in a good sense: expectation of good; deliverance from trials and tribulations; and in the Christian sense, joyful and confident expectation of Eternal Life in Heaven! The Hebrew word for hope is ***yachal***, and has the same basic meaning and implications.

In a true sense, our hope is in the Father and in Jesus; and in their promised blessings that we in faith are patiently waiting and hoping for: the resurrection of the dead, redemption and liberation from our mortal bodies, the new heavens and earth; heaven's eternal glories and rewards, and more; and day by day hope as we work out our lives through tribulations, and blessings in Christ Jesus.

First and foremost our Hope is in God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Please consider the following:

"And again, Elijah says, '*There shall be a Root of Jesse (speaking **of Jesus**), and **He** that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; **in Him shall the Gentiles have Hope**'* (Isaiah 11:10). And **the God of Hope** may fill you with all joy and peace in believing (having faith), so that you may abound **in Hope**, in the power of **the Holy Spirit**." (Romans 15:12-13)

"**Blessed** is the man who trusts in the LORD, and **whose Hope is the LORD**. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat comes, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be anxious in the year of drought, nor shall it cease from yielding fruit." (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior, **and Lord Jesus Christ our Hope;** unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Timothy 1:1-2)

"Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be unto you, and peace, from **God our Father**, and the **Lord Jesus Christ**. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and the patience **of Hope in our Lord Jesus Christ**, in the sight of God and our Father; knowing, beloved brethren, your election (choosing) of God." (1 Thessalonians 1:1-4)

"By the LORD's **mercies** we are not consumed, because His compassions **never fail**. They are new every morning; 'great is **Your faithfulness**.' The LORD is my portion, says my soul; therefore, **I will Hope in Him**. The LORD is good unto **those who wait for Him**, to the soul **who seeks Him**." (Lamentations 3:22-25)

"Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, **whose Hope is in the LORD his God."** (Psalms 146:5)

Hope in times of troubles, from the Psalms:

"And now, Lord, what do I **wait** for? **My Hope is in You**. Deliver me from all my transgressions; and make me not the reproach of the foolish." (Psalms 39:7-8)

"For in You, O LORD, **do I Hope**. You will hear, O Lord my God. For I said, 'lest otherwise they should rejoice over me; when my foot slips, they magnify themselves against me.' For I am ready to fall, and my sorrow is continually before me." (Psalms 38:15-17)

Blessed be the LORD; for **He** has showed me His marvelous kindness in a strong city. For I said in my haste, 'I am cut off from before Your eyes;' nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications when I cried untoYou. O **love the LORD**, all you his saints; for the LORD preserves the faithful, and plentifully rewards the proud doer. Be of good courage, and **He** shall strengthen your heart, **all you who Hope in the LORD**." (Psalms 31:21-24)

"I will say unto **God my Rock**, 'Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?' As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, 'Where is your God?' Why are you cast down, O my soul? and why are you disquieted within me? **Hope in God**; for I shall **yet praise Him**, the help of my countenance, and my God." (Psalms 42:9-11)

"In You, O LORD, I do put **my trust**: let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape; incline Your ear unto me, and save me. Be my **Strong-Rock** of habitation, whereunto I may continually come. You have given commandment to save me; for **You are my Rock and my Fortress**. Deliver me, O **my God**, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. For **You are my Hope**, O Lord GOD. **You are my trust** from my youth." (Psalms 71:1-5)

"The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, **in those who Hope in His mercy**." (Psalms 147:11)

Our Hope in the Promises made by God:

Paul said, "And now I stand and am judged for **the Hope of the promise** made by God unto our fathers; unto which (promise) our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God day and night **Hope to come**. For which **Hope's sake**, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" (Acts 26:6-8)

"Let us hold fast the profession (acknowledgement) of **our Hope** without wavering; for **He (God) who promised is faithful**!" (Hebrews 10:23)

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The Blessed Hope of the Second Coming of Christ Jesus:

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that **Blessed Hope**, and **the appearing** (2nd coming) of the glory of the **Great God** and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, so that **He** might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:11-14)

"Behold, what **manner of Love the Father** has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons (children) of God. Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, we are now the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when **He (Jesus) shall appear** (the 2nd coming), we shall **be like Him**; for we **shall see Him** as **He** is. And **every man who has this Hope in Him** purifies himself, even as **He is pure**." (1 John 3:1-3)

Our Hope in the Promise of Eternal Life:

"But when the kindness and **Love of God** our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to **His mercy** He saved us, through the washing of regeneration, and renewing of **the Holy Spirit**; which He poured out on us abundantly **through Jesus Christ our Savior**; so that being justified by **His grace**, we should be made heirs **according to the Hope of Eternal Life**." (Titus 3:4-7)

"Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's chosen elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; **in Hope of Eternal Life**, which **God**, who cannot lie, **promised** before the world began." (Titus 1:1-2)

Finally, please consider the following:

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory which shall be revealed in us**. For the **earnest-expectation** of the creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creation was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of **Him** who has subjected the same **in Hope**; because the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. And not only they, but also ourselves, who have the first-fruit of **the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, **the redemption of our body**. For **this Hope, we were saved**; but a **hope** that is seen **is not Hope**; for who hopes for what he sees? But if we **Hope** for what we do not (yet) see, in **patience wait (for it)**." (Romans 8:18-25)

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In His Name: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we place our Hope !!!
In the midst of tribulations do we place our Hope in Him !
Also, in His promises do we place our Hope !
In Him do we Hope for Eternal Life !
In His mercy do we Hope !

Thank You God of all Creation for Hope !
Please keep us steadfast in the Hope of Your Promises !
With patience we do wait for Your Glory that shall be revealed in us !!
Lord Jesus, with patience do we wait for the Blessed Hope of Your Second Coming !!

Come Soon Lord Jesus !
Amen and Amen !!