

HOPE

Jeremiah 17:7

Considering the blessings of hope, it is valuable for us to study it.

I. DEFINITION OF HOPE

In order to properly understand hope, we must first define it.

- A. Hope is a confident expectation: "A feeling that what is wanted will happen; desire accompanied by expectation." (Webster's New World Dictionary)
- B. **Romans 5:5**
Genuine hope will not meet disappointment.
- C. **Romans 8:24-25**
Nevertheless, the object of hope is never a visible one.
- D. **Hebrews 11:1**
Yet, hope is substantiated in faith. *"For we walk by faith, not by sight"* (2nd Corinthians 5:7).

II. SOURCE OF HOPE

What is the origin of hope?

- A. **Romans 15:4**
Hope is discovered in the pages of the Bible, for in nothing other than that which is recorded therein may one fully place his trust.
- B. **1st Peter 1:20-21**
Hope comes from the knowledge that God raised Jesus from the dead.
- C. **1st Corinthians 13:7**
Since *"love... hopes all things,"* we learn that there can be no hope without it.
- D. **Romans 5:1-4**
Moreover, hope is derived from the character one attains perseverance, the product of tribulation.

III. OBJECT OF HOPE

A. Inappropriate objects of hope.

1. **Job 31:24-28; Psalm 62:10; Mark 10:24**

Confidence in material gain is futile.

2. **Psalm 33:16-17; Proverbs 21:31; Psalm 147:10-11**

Instead of hoping in safety afforded by worldly means, may we ever place our confidence in deliverance by God's mercy.

B. Appropriate objects of hope.

1. **Psalm 33:18, 22; 130:7**

May we ever hope in the mercy of God, for it provides redemption!

2. **Psalm 38:15; 39:7; 71:1-5; 119:166**

Our hope must reside in God's deliverance, the salvation He affords us.

3. **Proverbs 23:17-18**

Our hope in God is worthwhile, since there will be a hereafter.

- a. **Acts 23:6; 24:15**

Paul had this hope, that there would eventually be a resurrection of the dead.

- b. **Romans 8:18-25**

Our hope is that we will be transformed from corruption to glory in the resurrection.

- c. **1st Corinthians 15:12-20**

Our hope in Christ extends beyond this life because of the resurrection!

- d. **1st Peter 1:13; Titus 2:11-13**

We look, hopefully, toward the appearing of Christ.

- e. **Colossians 1:27; 1st Timothy 1:1**

Christ is the personification of our hope.

f. **Titus 1:2; 3:7**

This hope we have in Christ, of the resurrection, is a hope of eternal life.

IV. ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HOPE

A. 1st Peter 1:3

Hope lives!

B. Romans 8:24

Hope saves!

C. Romans 12:12; 1st Thessalonians 4:13

Hope produces joy, in that it eliminates sorrow!

D. Ephesians 2:11-13

Hope brings nearness to God!

E. Hebrews 6:17-19; 1st Thessalonians 5:8

Hope brings about security, being the soul's anchor, as well as the helmet of the soldier of Christ.

F. Hebrews 3:5-6

Hope results in us becoming Christ's own house.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOPE

A. 1st John 3:3

Hope obliges us to purity.

B. Psalm 31:24; Acts 23:6

Hope demands courage. The courage required by hope is one that is willing to undergo persecution.

C. Romans 8:25

Hope calls for perseverance, since we cannot see what we hope for.

D. Colossians 1:3-5, 21-23

Hope cannot exist without steadfast faith.

- E. **Hebrews 6:11; 10:23**
Hope must involve diligence!
- F. **1st Peter 3:15**
Hope must be defended.

CONCLUSION

- A. **Proverbs 13:12**
 1. While we wait for fulfillment of our hope, eternal life in Christ at the resurrection, we are all heartsick.
 2. Nevertheless, our hope, being a confident expectation of God's deliverance, will provide the tree of life we earnestly desire.
- B. **Job 7:6**

If you are one who stands "*without hope*," please change!