

Sunday, 05-07-2023

A Living Hope
Bible Background: 1 Peter 1:1-12
Printed Text: 1 Peter 1:3-12 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Lamentations 3:19-24

Aim for Change:

- **KNOW** how we can find meaning in life's challenges.
 1. How will I **KNOW** if life's challenges are meant for me?
 - **FEEL** the hope of Christ and be able to share that hope with others.
 2. Do I share about the hope/love of Christ only when I **FEEL** like it?
 - **ACTIVELY** turn to Christ for hope and guidance.
 3. How **ACTIVE** am I in the word, Bible study, Sunday School, Assembling together, etc.?
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Devotional Reading: Saturday: Hope in God's Faithfulness – Lamentations 3:19-24

- Does the remembrance of my sin keep me humble? How do I show appreciation for God's daily mercies?
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Focal Verses – New Birth into a Living Hope – 1 Peter 1:3-12

1. **Hope through Salvation (vv. 3-6) – Proverbs 18:10; Matthew 17:20; John 17:11; 2 Corinthians 1:3**
 - How often do I receive God's mercies? Am I ready/on-time for my reservations? How can I find joy in difficult situations? Do I take the time to learn why I go through challenges or just complain without changes? How can I receive encouragement through these verses?
 2. **Triumphant Victory (vv. 7-12) – Psalm 8:4-5; Sat: Lamentations 3:19-24; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 15:10; 24:45-47; John 20:29**
 - How valuable should I treat my faith? Will the fire of difficulties strengthen me or cause me to fall? DO I truly believe what I don't see? What vantage point do I have compared to those in the OT? Am I afraid to talk about Jesus except at church?
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Daily Readings:

- **Monday: I Have No Help in Me – Job 6:8-13**
 - How easily do I want to give up in tough times?
- **Tuesday: Days without Hope – Job 7:1-6**
 - How can I find God in times of despair?
- **Wednesday: Will Mortals Live Again? – Job 14:7-17**
 - Is my hope as strong as a tree?
- **Thursday: My Times are in Your Hands – Psalm 31:9-16**
 - Even though God already knows everything, how detailed/committed am I in praying to Him?
- **Friday: The Lord Preserves the Faithful – Psalm 31:19-24**
 - How has the Lord heard my cry? How is He strengthening my heart?