

HOPE RESTORED:

A Closer Look at the Hope of the Old Testament

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Introduction: If there is one thing we need today in our world it is something to hope for (or to hope in). We need hope! There is no doubt in my mind that this topic is one of the most neglected in our teaching and preaching today. In this lesson I want us to take a close look at just a handful of Old Testament passages that deal with the subject of hope. . . .

Discussion:

I. WE NEED A HEAVENWARD HOPE

Psalm 31:24 – “Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD.”

II. WE NEED A MERCIFUL HOPE

Psalm 33:18 – “Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy.”

III. WE NEED A CONTINUOUS HOPE

Psalm 71:14 – “But I will hope continually, And will praise You yet more and more.”

IV. WE NEED A JOYFUL HOPE

Psalm 146:5 – “Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God.”

V. WE NEED A RIGHTEOUS HOPE

Proverbs 10:28 – “The hope of the righteous will be gladness, But the expectation of the wicked will perish.”

VI. WE NEED A STEADFAST HOPE

Isaiah 57:10 – “You are wearied in the length of your way; Yet you did not say, 'There is no hope.' You have found the life of your hand; Therefore you were not grieved.”

VII. WE NEED A QUIET HOPE

Lamentations 3:26 – “It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.”

Conclusion: Do you need some hope today? Come to Jesus!