

**Thankful
Part 1.
“For Hope”**

Psalm 25

1

In you, Lord my God,
I put my trust.

2

I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

3

No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

4

Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.

5

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

Hope:

- expectation of good
- joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation
- of Hope; God is the author and foundation of hope.

Colossians 1:27

God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the **hope** of glory.

- Hope is not considered...
- Hope is not thought much of...
- Until you find yourself in a hopeless situation...
- It is said 18 times in Job, 34 times in Psalms

1. I'm Thankful for a Hope that Fills

Romans 15:13

May the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Our God is the God of Hope...
- He is not the God of Defeat...
- He has not given us a Spirit of Fear, but Power, Love and a Sound Mind...
- He is called the God of Hope...
- Because of Him we have Hope...

He is the God of Hope and he Fills us with Joy and Peace...

The Apostle Paul says:

2 Corinthians 4

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

I don't know what your going through or what you've gone through, but I'm here today to tell you to Trust in Him...

so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- This doesn't come from what man can do...
- This comes from what God can do by the Power of his Holy Spirit...

2. I'm Thankful for a Hope that Saves

Luke 17

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Psalm 33

17

A horse is a vain **hope** for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot **save**.

18

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose **hope** is in his unfailing love,

Save: to slip away, escape, deliver, save, be delivered

- The Ten Leapers had no hope
- They were caught and could not escape the consequence of a deadly disease
- But Jesus was traveling along the border
- And they called out in a loud voice

- The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose **hope** is in his unfailing love...

Hope in the NT: expectation of good.

Hope in the OT: wait for, expect, tarry

Hope is expectation...

Not deliberation of bad, but expectation of good...

3. I’m Thankful for a Hope that Anchors

Hebrews 6

19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Hope will hold you...

Hope will keep you...

Hope will allow you to carry on and not give up...

There are some battles that are won with time and only through time...

Hope will Anchor your soul firmly and securely...

It's the Anchor that is meant for the storm...

It's the anchor that works when the captain is sleeping...

The Anchor keeps the ship right where it needs to be...

It's the Anchor that keeps the ship from wondering off...

Hope is for the storm

Hope is for those moments of weariness

Hope will keep you from wondering off

4. I'm Thankful for a Hope that brings Confidence

Psalm 71:5

For you have been my **hope**, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.

It took two to take down Goliath; God and a boy who was willing to walk with him...

God never does anything alone...

God will always look for a David

An Abraham

A Moses

A Joseph

A Daniel

An Elijah

David said I have killed the Lion and the Bear... The Lord will also deliver this Philistine into my hands...

Hope brings Confidence...

2 Timothy 1:12

for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

5. I'm Thankful for the Hope of Eternity

1 Corinthians 15

50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed — **52** in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. **53** For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. **54** When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

55

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. **57** But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

I am Thankful for the Hope we have in Christ!