

## ***THE JOY OF HOPE***

### **Job 19:23-27**

Oh, that my words were written!  
Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!  
24 That they were engraved on a rock  
with an iron pen and lead, forever!  
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and He shall stand at last on the earth;  
26 And after my skin is destroyed,  
this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God,  
27 Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold,  
and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!

### **Job 1:1**

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

### **Job 1:3**

Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

### **Job 1:8**

Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"

## ***Jobs Response to Disaster***

### **Job 1:20-22**

20 Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said:  
"Naked I came from my mother's womb,  
And naked shall I return there.  
The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;  
Blessed be the name of the Lord."  
22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

## *1. Christian hope means eagerly waiting for the revelation of God's promise*

- Worldly hope vs heavenly hope

## *2. Joy is found when we cling to the hope/promise we have in Christ*

### **James 1:2-4**

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

### **Romans 8:24-26**

24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

## *3. The joy of hope comes from renewing our mind daily*

### **Steve's story- Romans 12:1-2**

## *Conclusion*

### **Job 42:10; 16-17**

10 And the Lord [a]restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations. 17 So Job died, old and full of days.