

We Have Hope For Tomorrow

5 Day Devotional

Day 1

Genesis 3:15; Romans 16:20; 1 Corinthians 15:54–57

Devotional

Genesis 3:15 is often called the protoevangelium—the first announcement of the gospel. In the middle of judgment in the Garden of Eden, God speaks a promise to the serpent: “He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” At the very moment sin enters the world, God is already announcing a Savior. The “seed of the woman” points ahead to Christ—born of a woman, not of a man, fulfilled ultimately in the virgin birth. Satan would “strike his heel” (the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus), but Christ would “crush his head” (a fatal, final defeat).

The cross was not Satan’s victory; it was his death blow. The resurrection is the public proof that the head of the serpent has been crushed. 1 Corinthians 15:54–57 shows the outcome of Genesis 3:15: “Death has been swallowed up in victory... Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” The victory is already secured, even though it is not yet fully seen. That’s why the resurrection is not just a happy ending to a sad story—it is the turning point of all history and the guarantee that every promise God makes about the second coming, the resurrection of believers, and the final defeat of evil will actually happen.

Application

Reflection: How many times do you live as if Satan and death have more power than Christ’s cross and resurrection? What kind of fears about death or the future still control your decisions or your emotions?

Action: Identify one area where fear of death, loss, or “what might happen” drives your choices (health, safety, finances, family, etc.). Consciously speak this truth over it today: “Jesus has crushed the serpent’s head. Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

Prayer: “Father, thank You that from the very beginning You promised the defeat of the serpent. Thank You that Jesus’ cross and resurrection have already crushed Satan’s head and broken the power of death. Show me where fear still rules my heart, and teach me to live in the confidence of Your victory. Help me to see every dark situation through the lens of the empty tomb. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Day 2

Luke 2:25–38

Devotional

In Luke 2:25–38, Simeon and Anna show how prophecy is meant to be handled by God's people. They are: Saturated in Scripture and prayer. Sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Watching for God to keep His promises.

Simeon had been promised he would not die before seeing the Lord's Messiah. Anna had spent decades in the temple fasting and praying. When they see the baby Jesus, they do not just see a cute baby; they see the fulfillment of God's Word and the beginning of salvation history's turning point. Many religious leaders missed it because pride, tradition, and self-interest blinded them. A few humble, Spirit-sensitive people noticed what God was doing because they were looking through the lens of His promises. You stand in a similar place. You have even more fulfilled prophecy than Simeon and Anna did. The resurrection is the crowning confirmation of Jesus' identity as Messiah, Lord, and Son of God. If God has already been this accurate and faithful, you can trust Him with what has not yet happened—especially the second coming and the resurrection of the dead.

Application

Reflection: How many times do you treat biblical prophecy as a side topic instead of a foundation for trusting God today? What kind of doubts do you carry about God's reliability when He seems slow to fulfill what He has promised? When you read Scripture, do you look mainly for comfort, or also for a clearer grasp of who Jesus really is?

Action: Choose one prophetic passage (Like Isaiah 53) and read it slowly, imagining Jesus fulfilling it. Underline or note every specific detail that matches the life and death of Christ. Ask God to make you more like Simeon and Anna—simply pray, "Lord, help me to recognize what You are doing and not miss You when You move."

Prayer: "Lord, thank You for the incredible accuracy of Your Word and the many prophecies fulfilled in Jesus. Thank You that His birth, death, and resurrection were all part of Your plan from the beginning. Strengthen my confidence in Your promises, especially the promise that Jesus will return. Make me attentive, like Simeon and Anna, so that I do not miss what You are doing around me. In Jesus' name, amen."

Day 3

1 Corinthians 15:1–8, 12–20; John 20:11–18; John 20:24–29

Devotional

1 Corinthians 15 is Paul's "resurrection chapter." He reminds the church that the gospel he preached has three core facts: 1. Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. 2. He was buried. 3. He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and He appeared to many witnesses.

Then Paul makes a shocking statement: if Christ has not been raised, your faith is useless, you are still in your sins, and Christians are the most pitiful people on earth. In other words, Christianity is not primarily a moral system or a set of ideas; it stands or falls on a historical event: the bodily resurrection of Jesus.

Thomas refused to believe without seeing and touching. Jesus meets him in that doubt and says, "Stop doubting and believe," then adds, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

You live between His resurrection and His return. The way you view everything, suffering, injustice, temptation, death, depends on whether you truly stake your life on the fact that Jesus walked out of the tomb in a real, physical body and is alive now.

Application

Reflection: How many times do you treat the resurrection mainly as an Easter story instead of the daily foundation for how you face fear, sin, and death? What kind of doubts do you quietly carry about the reality or relevance of the resurrection?

Action: Write down one current fear or struggle (e.g., a health concern, job uncertainty, grief). Underneath it, write: "If Jesus is truly risen, this is not the end of the story." Revisit that sentence throughout the day. Read John 20:24–29, and imagine being Thomas. Speak Jesus' words in verse 27 to your own doubts: "Stop doubting and believe."

Prayer: "Risen Lord Jesus, thank You that You truly died, were buried, and rose again. Thank You that my faith is not built on feelings or myths, but on Your finished work and historical resurrection. Confront my doubts like You did Thomas, and lead me into a deeper, settled confidence that You are alive. Let Your resurrection shape how I face every fear and every loss today. In Your name, amen."

Day 4

1 Corinthians 15:50–58; 2 Corinthians 5:1–8; Luke 23:39–43

Devotional

Paul explains that “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 15:50). Your current body is mortal, decaying, and infected by sin. It is not suited for eternal life in God’s kingdom. That is why a future bodily resurrection is necessary. This is more than an upgrade; it is the completion of your salvation. The sin nature will be gone. No more sickness, decay, or death. Your resurrection body will be like Christ’s resurrected body—real, physical, glorified, and fully suited to enjoy God forever.

2 Corinthians 5 shows what happens between death and the resurrection: to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Jesus’ words to the thief on the cross agree: “Today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).

Paul ends 1 Corinthians 15 with a powerful “therefore” (v. 58): because resurrection is certain: Be steadfast. Be immovable. Always abound in the work of the Lord.

Why? Because nothing done for Christ is ever wasted.

This is where eternity collides with your daily life. If you are going to live forever with a resurrected body in a renewed creation under the rule of King Jesus, then many things that feel urgent now are temporary, and many things that feel small now are eternal.

Application

Reflection: How many of your decisions are driven more by this temporary life than by the reality of resurrection and eternity? What kind of things are you investing the most time, money, and energy in—things that will end at death, or things that will last forever?

Action: Pick one area of “eternal investment” to lean into this week: sharing your faith with one person, serving in your local church, or encouraging a struggling believer. Do one concrete thing in that area. Create a simple “eternity filter” for a decision you’re facing. Ask: “How will this matter 10 years from now? 100 years from now?” Let that guide your choice, even in a small way.

Prayer: “Father, thank You for the promise of a new, resurrected body, free from sin and death. Thank You that to be absent from this body is to be present with You. Help me to see my life through the lens of eternity and to invest my time, gifts, and resources in what will last forever. Make me steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in Your work, knowing it is never in vain. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Day 5

John 14:1–3; Acts 1:9–11; 2 Peter 3:10–14; 1 Corinthians 15:58

Devotional

You are living between two great events: the resurrection of Jesus and His second coming. The resurrection guarantees the second coming; the empty tomb is God's pledge that the risen Christ will return as King and Judge.

In John 14:1–3, Jesus comforts His disciples: "I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

In Acts 1:9–11, as the disciples watch Jesus ascend, two angels say: "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."

2 Peter 3:10–14 reminds you that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, like a thief. Because everything in this world will ultimately be laid bare and renewed, Peter asks: "What kind of people ought you to be?"

His answer: Live holy and godly lives. Look forward to and hasten the coming day. Make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with Him. You are called to be watchful, faithful, and active—pursuing holiness, making eternal investments, and sharing the gospel, especially with those you love.

Every day you either live as if this world is all there is, or as if King Jesus really is coming back. The resurrection guarantees that your labor in the Lord is not in vain, and the second coming calls you to live like that is actually true.

Application

Reflection: How many days go by when you rarely think about the return of Jesus? What kind of attitude do you have toward His coming—eager anticipation, indifference, or quiet dread? What does that attitude reveal about where your heart is anchored?

Action: Choose one area in which to "live like He's coming". Set a daily reminder (on your phone or with a note) for the next week with these words: "Because He rose, He will return. Live ready." Read it once each day and briefly refocus your heart.

Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank You that the empty tomb guarantees Your return. Thank You that You are preparing a place for Your people and that one day You will come again to reign. Teach me to live between Your resurrection and Your coming with hope, holiness, and urgency. Help me to invest in what matters forever and to love the people around me enough to point them to You. Keep my heart awake and ready for Your return. In Your name, amen."