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1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has begotten us anew to a living hope!

Hope and glory

All hope has a glory attached to it. Natural hope has a natural glory. Supernatural Hope has a supernatural glory. God wants His people to be anchored to the glory of His second coming.

Hope in Christ's Return Purifies

1. Motives

2. Dreams

3. Desires

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Malachi 3:3

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

Purifying Natural Hope

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Yes with conditions

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1 Samuel 1

1 There was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. 2 He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

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1 Samuel 1

3 Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. 4 On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters.

1 Samuel 1

5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. 6 And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb.

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1 Samuel 1

7 So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. 8 And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

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1 Samuel 1

9 After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. 10 She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly.

1 Samuel 1

11 And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

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Vulnerability- Where Miracles Happen

Vulnerability is where miracles happen. It's where we trade pain for purpose. We see the gain of the gospel so we endure the pain of the present problem.

Lord of Hosts

Lord of Heaven's Armies or LORD of the Mighty Armies. Hannah felt attacked by her rival, so she called on the LORD of Heaven's Armies to be her protector.

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Lord of Hosts

- 1. Vulnerability is place of miracles
- 2. Human Will is difficult to discern

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Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Difficult to Discern

The most difficult sin to discern is not of the body (lusts of the flesh) as they are external and easy to see but of the mind (lust of the eyes) and the will (pride of life).

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Areas Where God Purifies		
Property	God owns everything, we are merely stewards	Luke 12:42-46 1 Cor 4:1-2
Status	Death Changes All Earth-Life Status Symbols	Luke 12:16-19
Marriage	Earth-life Commitment Not in Heaven	Matthew 22:30
Relationships	Male/Female, Parent/child Pastor/Congregant Nationalities	Galatians 3:26-29
Human Life and Health	Earth-Life is Short Heaven-Life Is Forever	Psalm 39:4-6



Eternal Purity

- 1. Vulnerability is place of miracles
- 2. Human Will is difficult to discern
- 3. Humility prepares a way for purity

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Luke 3

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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1 Peter 5

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Peter 5

9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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The Best Talks

"Some of the best talks in the world are those which a man has with himself. He who speaks to everybody except himself is a great fool."

-Charles Spurgeon

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