

# KEEPING YOUR HOPE IN GOD!

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SUBJ: Keeping your hope in GOD!

INTRO: In this passage of scripture we find David asking himself, why are you down! Why are you disquieted OR worried OR anxious?

And then he tells himself, "HOPE THOU IN GOD" , in other words, "Keep Hope Alive"!

(QUESTION) How many know that sometimes you've got to preach to yourself?

Sometimes, you've got to tell yourself: "Self, with everything you got going on and everything you're dealing and with everything that's happening in this world, you got "Keep Hope Alive" and pull yourself together!"

(NOTE: I've said this before, "You are the greatest Prophet in your life!")

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You have to speak over your life and stop waiting for somebody else to prophesy to you.

You need to start speaking into your life:

(EXP#) My child shall be a great woman OR man of GOD and shall be blessed with good success!

(EXP#) My job shall get better and better pay!

(EXP#) I shall live and not die!

(EXP#) I am blessed and not cursed!

(EXP#) I shall be delivered and set free!

The things you need to see happen in your life, is dependent on what you prophesy in your life!

**David said, "Soul, get yourself together. Don't give up. Don't quit. Don't throw in the towel. HOPE THOU IN GOD!"**

People with everything that you have going on, you can't lose your hope!

Because losing your hope can negatively affect your life!

**Proverbs 13:12 KJV**

**Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.**

**Proverbs 13:12 GNT**

**When hope is crushed, the heart is crushed, but a wish come true fills you with joy!**

When your hope is deferred, your life is in danger.

(NOTE: That's why we have to guard our hope.)

See The enemy wants you to become so disappointed that you stop expecting anything from God.

Because he knows that **a person who still has hope is a person who still believes God can move.**

## **Why do we have to Keep Hope alive?**

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### **#1 HOPE KEEPS YOU GOING WHEN LIFE TELLS YOU TO GIVE UP**

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Hope helps you to keep up in the morning, even when you know you have to go to that job!

Hope helps you to keep trusting GOD, even when you don't know what's going on!

**Job 13:15 KJV**

**Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.**

Job's family died, but **his hope in God didn't die.**

**And because his Hope didn't die, he believed GOD had something great in store for him!**

That's powerful because sometimes hope doesn't mean you know **how** God is going to do it.

Hope means you know **WHO God is.**

**I don't know how He's going to fix it, but I know He's still God.**

**I don't know when He's going to move, but I know He's still faithful.**

**I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow.**

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## **#2 HOPE CHANGES YOUR PERSPECTIVE WHILE YOU ARE WAITING**

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One of the hardest things for a believer is **waiting on God, especially when we're going through something!**

But that's when your hope kicks in!

**Psalms 31:24 KJV**

**Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.**

You can be of good courage knowing that your delay, does not mean you're denied!

**Psalms 130:5**

**I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.**

Notice where the psalmist puts his hope:

**“In his word.”**

My hope isn't based upon what I see.

My hope isn't based upon what people say.

My hope isn't based upon how I feel.

**My hope is based upon the Word of God.**

That's why you can have hope when circumstances don't look favorable.

Because God's Word gives you something to stand on.

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## **#3 HOPE CHANGES HOW YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE**

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With HOPE you see a better and brighter future!

With hope you see your future according to (READ Jeremiah 29:11) "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

**1 Peter 5:10 KJV**

**But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**

After you've suffered a while, then you'll celebrate a while!

In fact about it, the success was here before the suffering started!

**John 16:33 KJV**

**These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**

The success was already yours!

(NOTE: It just needed a reason to jump off and get started!)

You know how some of y'all just need a reason to jump off! (Well some of y'all don't need a reason!)