

THE NEED FOR HOPE Dr. David R. Landis 12/27/17-068

Text: Hebrews 11:1 “*now faith is the substance of things hoped for...*”

Introduction: Hope is an important partner with faith. It is the goal setter. It is the substance of things you are hoping for. We hope for the things God has given us through His promises. People commit suicide for a lack of hope for their future.

- I. Hebrews 11:6 “*without faith it is impossible to please Him*”
 - A. How is God displeased? When we don't receive the provisions He has made for us.
 1. Hosea 4:6 The reason knowledge is so important.
 2. II Peter 1:2, 3 Grace and peace are multiplied to us by knowledge of the things that pertain unto life and godliness.
 - B. Hope is desire.
 1. Mark 11:24 “*whatsoever you desire when you pray*”
 2. When someone goes up for prayer for healing they have hope for their healing.
 - a. Faith will give substance to their hope. Their actions and their confession will release the promise to them.
 - b. The woman with the issue of blood who pressed through the crowd had hope and faith. Jesus said, “*thy faith hath made thee whole*”.
 - C. Some give up hope and that is why they die prematurely.
- II. Romans 4:17, 18 “*who against hope believed in hope*” When there was no hope Abraham believed in his hope.
 - A. When Doctors say, “*there is no hope*” do what Abraham did. Go to the Scriptures and get supernatural hope.
 1. Abraham agreed with God's promise.
 - a. There are promises for life and godliness.
 2. Hope is our goal setter. How will you know you arrived if you have no goal?
 - a. Hope gives direction for our faith.
 - b. “*I'm waiting on God, I'm believing God*”. God is waiting on you.
 3. Abraham got his hope from God's Word. Hope has no substance only faith has substance.
 - a. Faith is the Divine energy of God and comes by hearing.
 4. Words are seeds. We sow God's Word or seed into our hearts

And it brings forth the fruit (Mark 4:28).

- B. I Corinthians 2:9,10 God reveals things to us by the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. These things only enter by the Spirit not the natural realm.
- C. Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of a man searches the deep things of God.
 - 1. I Corinthians 2:11 Your spirit knows you.
 - a. v12 We can know these things because they are freely given to us.
 - 2. We sow the Word into our hearts by hearing and the Spirit searches for the wisdom and revelation of that which was sown.
 - a. v13,14 ***“comparing spiritual things with spiritual”***
 - b. Our spirit or heart is the production center.
- D. v15 Our spirit judges all things if we are spiritual.
 - 1. Your spirit picks up on things about other people. You know that you know? You just know that you need to get away from them and the things they carry in their spirit.

III. Proverbs 22:13 A lazy man prophesies his future.

- A. Anybody can fail. *“I always get the flu”, “I never win anything”*. Just don't act on the Word.
- B. Natural things reflect spiritual things.
- C. Heating and air units are controlled by thermostats.
 - 1. Our hearts/spirits are designed to produce the promises of God.
 - a. Our confessions remind us of our goals. We are calling those things which are not (naturally manifested) as though they are.
 - 2. Job 22:28 ***“thou shall also declare a thing...”***
 - 3. Thermostats have no substance.
- D. If you are not satisfied with your harvest check your words and what you have been sowing in your heart.
 - 1. Luke 17:6 ***“if ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say...”***
 - 2. Matthew 12:35 Both good and evil come from our hearts.
 - a. Numbers 13:32 Anything contrary to the Word is evil.
 - 3. One must ***“believe those things which you say”*** or conception or revelation. You will have those things you hoped for.

