

"For we are saved by Hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we Hope for that we see not, then do We With Patience Wait For It." Romans 8:24-25 KJV



If something is in hand, hope is not needed. The angler knows the fish are in the water, knows the right bait to use, and knows the right way to cast the line, so he patiently waits for the fish to bite. God is invisible, but we have His recorded Word and the "Still Small Voice" of guidance into all Truth in our thoughts as we study and read God's Word. We hope, because we believe God's Word through the Gift of Faith granted to the hearing ear. Mom used to say, "Did you hear what I said?" She wasn't concerned with my hearing, but with my obedience. Your obedience of God's Word is the evidence of your hearing and faith. A believer's Hope is built on nothing less than JESUS' BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, "*which Hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation (atoning sacrifice) through faith in His Blood, to declare His Righteousness for the remission of sins. My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him. The Hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.*" Hope: a belief that it is obtainable – Webster, 1828. We patiently wait for the Promise of God, Christ's return, to materialize, trusting His immutable character, and obeying in spite of what our senses tell us in the melee of evil surrounding us. "*Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the Heirs of Promise the Immutability of His Counsel, confirmed it by an Oath: That by two immutable things (God and His Word), in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the Hope set before us. Great Peace have they which love Thy Law and nothing shall offend them.*" Peace stills the soul that trusts God's Word. This does not mean that they sit quietly by while evil insidiously permeates society. We must vehemently oppose it at every turn, giving vocal opposition by proclaiming the Truth of God's Word "*to every creature.*" God's Word is the Sword by which we conquer evil; both in ourselves and the world. If we would be like our Master, we must not be timid little mice that scurry and hide at every threat. We must fearlessly "*preach the Gospel. The heavens declare the Glory of God and the firmament sheweth His Handiwork: Day unto day uttereth speech: Night unto night sheweth knowledge.*" The United States of America was founded on these "self-evident" Truths of an Almighty Holy Creator! I'm afraid the "money changers" have free run of the Temple and now bind us with chains of debt, because men have become "*lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God*" and wealth more than wisdom! It's time to cleanse our individual temples through prayer, confession, meditation, and obedience. "*Your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, (if you are a believer) which ye have of God. For ye are bought with a Price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*" Satan is using powerful greedy men who think they rule the world, but will toss them aside like so much dirt when He is done. He has been trying to rule since Eden. He will not succeed. We know his end, because we trust in our God "*which cannot lie!*" He cannot lie, because if He speaks it, it is so!

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' Blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. ~Edward Mote – 1863

Our Blessed Redeemer will soon return to vanquish all foes and Hope will become reality!

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the Word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great Salvation; which at the first began to be Spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him;" Hebrews 2:1-3 KJV