

"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 8:24-25no2 KJV*



This second text on the theme of our “*Blessed Hope*” deals with the Lord Jesus. “*Looking for that Blessed Hope, and the Glorious Appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might Redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a Peculiar People, zealous of good works.*” The

believer’s Hope is not wishing, but Joyful anticipation of absolute Truth, the Son of God! “*Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the Heirs of Promise (believers) 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: Which Hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus.*” This wonderful old hymn by Edward Mote and William Bradbury says it well:

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.
His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Martyrs went singing to their deaths, because our Hope is surer than the morning sunrise. Its foundation is the shed Blood of the Potentate Propitiator of sin, the Key Holder of hell and death, God’s Lamb, Jesus Christ! His Word formed all that is from what was not! “*He is before ALL things, and by Him ALL things consist.*” God and His Word is the immutable indomitable Force of the universe that unfurls in every night sky and rises to greet each new dawn! Our Hope is founded on the Rock that is harder than diamonds and stronger than Hell Fire! We can patiently wait for His unveiling at the Last Day for then, there will be no more night! “*And there shall be NO NIGHT THERE...for the Lord God giveth them Light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*” Nothing God says goes unfulfilled or unaccomplished. His Word is omnipotent. It becomes when He says it, and upon His pronouncement, it never exists! Jesus fulfilled the Law (see Rm. 8) for every humble penitent that petitions for His mercy and Grace. “*For WHOSOEVER shall call upon the Name of the Lord, SHALL BE SAVED.*” There is no room for doubt in this magnificent prevailing Hope of every believer. “*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory and Honour and Power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy Pleasure they are and were created.*” Amen!

Faint not, dear one, at Satan’s darts,
Your Lord from you will ne’er depart;
He is the Rock, on which you stand,
And you are kept within His hand. –CGP

Do thoughts of doubt plague you? Know them for what they are, the fiery darts of Satan! Your faithful trusting obedience to God's Word will quell them all. The lighthouse is always fixed upon the rock. Let your Light shine for without the lighthouse's warning, ships are destroyed! We can securely warn, because we are securely fixed upon the Rock!

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." Matthew 7:24-25 KJV