

Bible Study Outline

The Power of

Hope



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Hebrews 11:1 King James Version

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Things Hoped For...

To “Want” Something to Happen or Be true

Hope is an Aspiration of Good

- A Righteous Ambition
- A Righteous Dream
- A Righteous Yearning
- A Righteous Longing
- A Righteous Craving for Good



Hope

 Is The Nature Disposition of Man

Disposition:

A Person's Inherent Qualities of Mind and Character

Hebrews 11:1 Amplified Bible

Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].

Romans 1:20-21 New Living Translation

20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. **Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities**—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.

The "Righteous" Hope In The Lord

Psalm 33:18-22 New Living Translation

¹⁸ But the Lord watches over those who fear him,
those who rely on his unfailing love.

¹⁹ He rescues them from death
and keeps them alive in times of famine.

²⁰ **We put our hope in the Lord.**

He is our help and our shield.

²¹ In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.

²² Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord,
for our hope is in you alone.

2 Corinthians 5:21 King James Version

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

The “Righteous” Should Not Envy Sinners

Proverbs 10:28 King James Version

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

Proverbs 23:17-18 New Living Translation

Don't envy sinners,
but always continue to fear the Lord.
18 You will be rewarded for this;
your hope will not be disappointed.

Proverbs 10:28 New Living Translation

The hopes of the godly result in happiness,
but the expectations of the wicked come to nothing.

Our Hopes Are Limited By Our Capacity Not God

Mark 9:23 King James Version

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Luke 1:37 King James Version

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Ephesians 3:20 King James Version

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Ephesians 3:20 New International Version

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

Think †νοιέω noiéō, noy-eh'-o;

▪ To Exercise the Mind (observe)	▪ To Comprehend
▪ Heed	▪ Consider
▪ Perceive	▪ Think
▪ Understand	

Romans 12:2 King James Version

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by **the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Renewal ἀνακαίνωσις anakaínōsis,

Renovation, Renewing, Complete Change for the Better

- Revival
- Restoration
- Rehabilitation
- Resurrection
- Recovery

Renewing The Mind Is Not Simply Scriptural Memorization

Genesis 2:19 New International Version

19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. **He brought them to the man to see what he would name them**; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

Renewing The Mind Is Restoration of Your Kingdom Mindset

Romans 12:2 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by **the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude]**, so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].



What Limits Your Thinking

(Some notes from: Thinking 2nd Edition by Gary R. Kirby and Jeffery R. Goodpaster)

1. **Enculturation:** (Laymen's Term: How you were Raised)

2. **Strong Holds**

God's Strong Hold

Nahum 1:7 King James Version (KJV)

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

The Enemies' (World Thinking) Strong Hold

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 King James Version (KJV)

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the **pulling down of strong holds**;))

5 **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Faith is The Anchor of the Soul

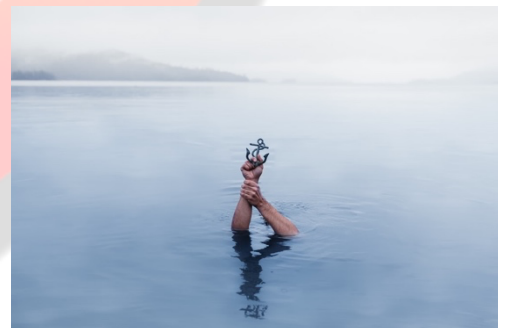
- Hope is the Abstract
- Evidence is the Concrete

Hebrews 6:18-19 New Living Translation

18 So God has given both his promise and his oath.

These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.

19 This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.



You Can't Seek God & Stay Hopeless

- **Depression & Hope**

Can't Reside in the Same Heart

- **Grief & Hope Can't Reside in the Same Heart**

Proverbs 13:12 King James Version

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

Hopeless (What the Holy Spirit Said)

- **A Hopeless man** will Disregard Rules, Law And even Self Preservation for Relief
- **A Hopeless man** will disregard Life & the Value of Others for Relief even if It's Temporal or Fleeting relief

Hopelessness is a cancer of the soul
weighing the you down into dis-eases

Luke 4:18-19 King James Version

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; **he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,** to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Hebrews 13:8 KJV

Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, and Today and Forever.

Hope Is the Draw/The Attraction The Holy Spirit Uses To Lead you
Toward Evidence **Producing Faith**

How do You Keep Your Hope Alive?

Practical Application

1. **Rest:** Never Underestimate The “Value” of Rest

Hebrews 4:9-10 New Living Translation

So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God.

10 For all who have entered into God’s rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world.

Sabbath:

- 1) To Rest from Labor, Made for Men,
- 2) A Day of **Rest and Refreshment** for the Body and of Blessing to the Soul ¹

2. **Spiritual Life:** Value Your Spiritual Development and Renewal

1 Peter 2:2-3 New Living Translation

Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment,

3 now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness.

¹ Easton, M. "Sabbath - Easton's Bible Dictionary." Blue Letter Bible. Last Modified 24 Jun, 1996.

3. **Mindset**: Become God-inside Minded

1 John 4:4 King James Version

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you**, than he that is in the world.

Colossians 1:27 King James Version

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**:

4. **Praise**: Place A Value on Praise (*Enhances Hope, Fuels Your Fire*)

- **Praise** is A Catalyst of Hope Spring Forth

Catalyst: An Agent That Provokes or Speed
Significant change or Action

Isaiah 61:3 King James Version

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, **the oil of joy** for mourning, **the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness**; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Psalms 9:1-2 King James Version

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

5. Watch: What You Mediate On

Joshua 1:8 The Voice

8 Let the words from the book of the law be always on your lips. Meditate on them day and night so that you may be careful to live by all that is written in it. If you do, as you make your way through this world, you will prosper and always find success.

6. Watch Your Physiological Health

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 New Living Translation

19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,
20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

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