

The Word For The Weak
 ~~ Weekly Newsletter ~~
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“For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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THE WORD IS: “HOPE”

SAYING THESE THINGS:

Hope is the next corresponding word in our brief series which corresponds with the 3 words revealed in Newsletters 4, 5, and 6; Great, Greater, and Greatest respectively.

Great Faith therefore has led us to Greater Hope.

Out of curiosity, the first thing I did after I sat down to write this Newsletter was to perform an internet search for the phrase “greater hope”.

And I found it rather interesting that the top search results on the first page all led to an adoption agency in Colorado named “Greater Hope.”

Isn’t the point of the “blessed hope” of God to bring sons and daughters into adoption in the Family of Yahweh?

Let’s see what Scripture has to say about this. Incidentally, Hope occurs 122 times in the NKJV. What follows is a small sample.

HOPE #1

Ruth 1:11-13

11 But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? **12** Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, **13** would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me!”

This is the first use of Hope in the Bible. It appears that Naomi is in distress, and wondering if she should even have Hope.

HOPE #2

Ezra 10:1-2

1 Now while Ezra was praying, and while he was confessing, weeping, and bowing down before the house of God, a very large assembly of men, women, and children gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept very bitterly. **2** And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, spoke up and said to Ezra, “We have trespassed against our God, and have taken pagan wives from the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope in Israel in spite of this.

Here, Ezra is informing us that there is Hope in spite of sin.

HOPE #3**Psalms 16:9**

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in **hope**.

According to the Psalms, it looks like we can put our flesh to rest in Hope. Does this mean we no longer need to struggle against the flesh, if we put it to rest?

HOPE #4**Psalms 147:11**

11 The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
In those who **hope** in His mercy.

This is the final Word on Hope in the Book of Psalms. According to this text, we give Yahweh a source of happiness when we put our Hope in Him.

HOPE #5**Titus 2:11-14**

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13** looking for the blessed **hope** and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Here we see that Hope in Jesus is special. It is called Blessed.

HOPE #6**1 Peter 3:15**

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the **hope** that is in you, with meekness and fear;

The last Word on Hope in the Bible is in 3 John.

HOPE #7**3 John 1:13-14**

13 I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink; **14** but I **hope** to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

These are but 7 of the 122 instances of the word Hope in Scripture.

And to quote 3 John again, "Greet the friends by name."

Amen.

May our Father grant us His Light to Know, Live, and Love His **Word**.

Amen.