



“Hope deferred makes the heart sick; but when the desire comes *to pass*, it is a tree of life.” Proverbs 13:12

Hope is a crucial ingredient to a healthy and fruitful life. Hope is an anchor to the soul with its myriad of ever changing emotions. It enables the possessor to hold an unwavering confidence in the Lord Who cannot nor will not lie. “That by two immutable things 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.” (Hebrews 6:18 – 19)

Hope also builds a platform from which faith may take wing. It is the foundation as it were for faith to build the superstructures of life. “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for...” (Hebrews 11:1)

Now then, hope is not a fanciful wish or dream, but rather it is a concrete and solid expectation of God doing good – doing what He has promised to do! And hope, like faith, is produced in the heart of those who hear the Word of God. “For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the world of the truth of the Gospel.” (Colossians 1:15). Such biblical hope is rooted firmly in the confidence of God’s ability and desire to perform what He has promised!

Keep your eyes ever fixed upon the Word of God. Life is full of disappointments – often crushing disappointments – but even in these heart breaks the Lord says He “is near to those of a broken heart.” (Psalm 34:18). God has not lied to you. He will fulfill all His good promises.

“... when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.”

“Lord, I take my hope in You Who cannot lie. I will not be disappointed forever – for I rely and put my trust in You – Hope of the hopeless!”

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