

Hope

Hebrews 6:13-20

- 13 When God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by himself, saying, '**I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply you.**' And so, having patiently waited, Abraham obtained the promise. For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute. In the same way, when God desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath,

- so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. **This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,** where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 6:18-20
NASB

Elpis - Hope

- Strong's Concordance
- elpis: expectation, hope
- Original Word: ἔλπις, ἰδος, ἡ
- Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine
- Definition: hope, expectation, trust, confidence.
- HELPS Word-studies
- 1680 elpís (from elpō, "to anticipate, welcome") – properly, expectation of what is sure (certain); hope.

- yachal: to wait, await
- Original Word: יָחַל
- Part of Speech: Verb
- Transliteration: yachal
- Phonetic Spelling: (yaw-chal')
- Short Definition: hope

- Be strong and let your heart take courage, all those who hope (yachal) in the LORD. Psalm 31:24 NASB

Yachal – waiting hope

The king is not saved by a mighty army;

A warrior is not delivered by great strength.

17 A horse is a false hope for victory;

Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,

On those who **hope** for His lovingkindness,

19 To deliver their soul from death

And to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord;

He is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart rejoices in Him,

Because we trust in His holy name.

22 Let Your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,

According as we have **hoped** in You. Psalm 33:16-22

Yachal – waiting hope

- Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? **Hope** in God, for I shall again praise Him For the help of His presence. Psalm 42:5

Tiqvah - hope

For You are my **hope**; O Lord GOD, You are my confidence from my youth.

Psalm 71:5 (NASB)

Do not let your heart envy sinners, But live in the fear of the LORD always. Surely there is a future, And your **hope** will not be cut off.

Proverbs 23:17-18 (NASB)

Tiqvah- hope

- Where now is my **hope**? And who regards my **hope**?
- Job 17:15

Hope

- Strongs concordance
- **tiqvah: cord**
- Original Word: תִּקְוָה
- Part of Speech: Noun Feminine
- Transliteration: tiqvah
- Phonetic Spelling: (tik-vaw')
- Short Definition: cord

Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, 9 and said to the men, **“I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before you. 10** For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. 11 When we heard it, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. 12 **Now therefore, please swear to me by the Lord, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father’s household, and give me a pledge of truth, 13 and spare my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters, with all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.”** 14 So the men said to her, “Our life for yours if you do not tell this business of ours; and it shall come about when the Lord gives us the land that we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.” Joshua 2:8-14NASB

The cord of scarlet thread is our hope

- The men said to her, "We shall be free from this oath to you which you have made us swear, 18unless, when we come into the land, you tie this cord of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down, and gather to yourself into the house your father and your mother and your brothers and all your father's household.
- Joshua 2:17-18NASB

Faith without works is dead

17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

18 But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? James 2:17-20

Rahab's Hope was her Work!

You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

James NASB 2:24-26

HOPE in MERCY was her Work of faith

- Rahab trusted in the words of the spies, that the scarlet cord would be her protection.
- That was Rahab's work of faith – Hope in God's mercy upon her and her household!
- Hope in a future protection
- Jesus blood is our scarlet cord!

- Abrahams work of faith was trusting in the resurrection power of God
- So Rahab trusted in God's mercy – the blood of Jesus – His death on the cross
- Abraham trusted in God's resurrection power- signifying the resurrection of Jesus
- James chose Rahab and Abraham because their work of faith was to trust in the Cross!
The Gospel!

Anchor of Hope within the veil is Jesus work on the cross

- Hebrews 10:19-22
- Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the **blood of Jesus**, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us **through the veil**, that is, **His flesh**, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water....

Jesus blood is our scarlet cord

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation** in His **blood** through faith. (Romans 3:23-25 NASB emphasis added)

- The word propitiation in this verse is from **hilastérion** which is described in Strong's Concordance as:
- a sin offering, covering, specifically the golden cover over the ark of the covenant, **the mercy seat.**

- This same word **hilastérion** translated as **propitiation** in Romans 3:24 is translated as **mercy seat** in Hebrews 9:5 where the writer is describing the earthly tabernacle.

Mercy seat

Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the **Holy of Holies**, having a golden altar of incense and the **ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold**, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the **mercy seat**; (Hebrews 9:4-6 NASB emphasis added)

Cherubim either side of the mercy seat

- 7He made two cherubim of gold; he made them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat; 8one cherub at the one end and one cherub at the other end; **he made the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at the two ends.** 9The cherubim had their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces toward each other; the faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat. Exodus 37:7-9

- and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the model of the **chariot, even the cherubim that spread out their wings and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.** "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, all the details of this pattern."...1
Chronicles 28:18

Mercy seat is the place of God's throne

- The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Psalm 99:1 NIV
- The prophet Ezekial had a vision of God's throne, with God's glory seated on the throne above 4 living creatures with wings and wheels (Ezekial 1:5-28).

Die approaching the throne

- Leviticus 16:2
- The LORD said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. For I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover (mercy seat).

We can approach the throne!

- For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. **16Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16 NASB**

Draw near with confidence

- The scarlet cord – blood of Jesus gives us full protection!
- We can always draw near to God with full confidence, full assurance of faith!
- For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. **16Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.** Hebrews 4:15-16 NASB

Strong's Concordance

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- Phonetic Spelling: (par-rhay-see'-ah)
- Short Definition: freedom, confidence
- Definition: freedom, **openness, especially in speech**; boldness, confidence

The Lord does not take into account
your sins

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord **will never count against them.** NIV

Yes, what joy for those whose **record** the LORD has **cleared of sin.** NLT

blessed is the man against whom the Lord **will not count his sin.** ESV

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. NASB

Romans 4:8

He sees us as perfect!

- ¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered **for all time one sacrifice for sins**, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ **For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.** Hebrews 10:11-14 (NIV)

God sees us like Christ, so we don't need to fear

- We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. **By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love....1John4:16-18**

Fear God's goodness!

- 'I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me and by which they have transgressed against Me. 'It will be to Me a name of joy, praise and glory before all the nations of the earth which will hear of all the good that I do for them, and **they will fear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace that I make for it.**' Jeremiah 33:8-9

Tremble in awe of His goodness

- For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols. **Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.** Hosea 3:4-5

Psalm 130

- Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.
- ² Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
- ³ If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
- ⁴ **But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.**
- ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.
- ⁶ My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.
- ⁷ Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.
- ⁸ And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

You have married another husband,
Christ!

- Romans 7:4 (NASB)
- Therefore my brethren, **you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you may be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.**

Law of love

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and **to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God....Eph 3:17-19**

- Walk in love just as Christ also loved you Eph 5:2
- You are altogether beautiful, my darling; there is no flaw in you Song of Songs 4:7