

A HOPE FILLED FUTURE

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” says the lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.12 In those days when you pray, I will listen. 13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. 14 I will be found by you,” says the lord. “I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.”

REVIEW:

PURPOSE REQUIRES TRUST

Luke 9:23 Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

DO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE WITHIN YOUR POWER TO DO.

My Note: JESUS ALWAYS DEMANDS EFFORT- BLIND MAN, LAME MAN, WOMAN ISSUE OF BLOOD

OBEDIENCE WHEN YOU ARE IN EXILE.

- 1. BUILD FAMILIES**
- 2. BUILD WEALTH**
- 3. BUILD THE CITY**

ACCEPTANCE OF GOD’S TIMING

- 1. DO NOT LISTEN TO LIES**
- 2. THE TIME OF COMPLETION - 70 YEARS**
Matthew 18:22
- 3. YOU WILL RETURN HOME**
JOB 1.8

EXPECTATION OF BLESSING BEFORE IT ARRIVES.

- 1. WE WILL RECEIVE A HOPE FILLED FUTURE**
- 2. WE WILL PRAY AND HE WILL HEAR**
- 3. WE WILL LOOK AND FIND HIM**
- 4. WE WILL EXPERIENCE RESTORATION**

INTRODUCTION

HE PROMISED A FUTURE FILLED WITH HOPE. HIS PROMISE OFTENTIMES REQUIRES US TO REDEFINE TERMS SO THAT WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH HIM

FUTURE- ANYTIME PERIOD BEYOND THE MOMENT WE ARE IN

HOPE - THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS MORE AHEAD

“MY FUTURE IS FULL OF THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS MORE AHEAD”

FOUR REASONS WE NEED A HOPE FILLED FUTURE

1. HOPE PRODUCES A LONGING

Romans 8:23 And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

Romans 8:24 We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it.

Romans 8:25 But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

2. HOPE IS BEYOND THIS LIFE

1 Thessalonians 4:13 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

3. HOPE CAN GET YOU IN TROUBLE

Acts of the Apostles 26:6 Now I am on trial because of my hope in the fulfillment of God's promise made to our ancestors.

4. HOPE WILL NEVER LET YOU BE ASHAMED

Romans 5:3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.

4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. **6** When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

CLOSING

Romans 15:13 I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Homework Questions

LAST WEEK

1. What is the most difficult area of obedience for you? How are you addressing it?

2. What is your response when His timing and your timing are different?

3. What specifically are you expecting from God based on JER 29?

THIS WEEK

1. DREAM OUT LOUD ABOUT YOUR HOPE FILLED FUTURE

- NO SIN, NO FAILURE OF OTHERS, NO TIMING

2. WHAT CHANGES WILL YOU NEED TO MAKE IN ORDER TO SEE YUR GOD GIVEN DREAM COME TO PASS?

3. OUTLINE YOUR HOPE FILLED FUTURE AND PROVIDE SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES