

## Whatever Happened to Hope? PART 3

Zechariah 9:12 AMP

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### MAIN TAKEAWAY

Bible hope is the **confident expectation** that something good is going to happen in our future. Bible hope releases dopamine, what we need to keep dreaming big and reach those dreams. It produces joy, courage, stability, and restoration, no matter what our circumstances look like. When we put our hope in God alone, we keep moving forward and see His promises fulfilled.

### Hope attracts:

- **Security**
- **Stability**
- **Confidence**
- **Prosperity**
- **Restoration**
- **Increase**
- **Ideas**
- **Expansion**

### Hope conquers:

- **Fear**
- **Dread**
- **Anxiety**

### KEY SCRIPTURES & TAKEAWAYS

1. **Zechariah 9:12 AMPC** Return to the stronghold [of security and prosperity], you prisoners of hope; even today do I declare that I will restore double your former prosperity to you.
  - a. Hope brings stability, security, prosperity and restoration.
  - b. We are **not** prisoners of our past, of anxiety or of our circumstances.
  - c. What we **think**, we **believe**, what we believe we **speak**, and what we speak we **receive**.

2. **Jeremiah 17:7-8 AMPC** [Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, *and* relies on the Lord, and whose hope *and* confidence the Lord is.<sup>8</sup> For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters that spreads out its roots by the river; and it shall not see *and* fear when heat comes; but its leaf shall be green. It shall not be anxious *and* full of care in the year of drought, nor shall it cease yielding fruit.
- a. Hope is greater than anxiety and fear.
  - b. Hope attracts confidence and confidence opens doors.
  - c. We must put our hope on God, not on men. People will let us down and God will never let us down.
  - d. No matter the circumstances, we will continue to be fruitful, when we put our trust in the Lord.
3. **Psalms 39:7 KJV** And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.
- a. While we're waiting, we must put our hope only on the Lord.
  - b. Our hope in the Lord will give us strength to run our race.
4. **Psalms 71:14 KJV** But I will hope continually and will yet praise thee more and more.
- a. We must hold on tightly to hope every day.
  - b. We get our hope back when we shift our focus to God by praising Him more and more.
  - c. No matter what our circumstances are, we are to praise and magnify Him.

#### **Bible hope:**

- 1. Gives us courage (Romans 5:2-5)
- 2. Gives us joy (Romans 12:12)
- 3. Makes our dreams come to pass (Proverbs 13:12)

#### **As long as we put our hope in God:**

- 1. We have **hope regardless** of our circumstances.
- 2. We keep **moving forward**.
- 3. We have a **future** to put our faith in.

#### **REFLECT & REVISIT**

Go back and read **Zechariah 9:12**. As you read, ask the Holy Spirit to highlight words that stand out to you. Declare out loud that you are not a prisoner of your circumstances but that you stand on Bible hope. Declare that your hope is on the Lord who never fails you but will turn your situation for good. Speak God's promise of restoration over your life, your family, and your future, and intentionally choose hopeful thoughts, beliefs, and words each day.