

# Hope According to Biblical Wisdom

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***But for him who is joined to all the living there is [hope](#), for a living dog is better than a dead lion. Ecclesiastes 9:4***

*In one season of depression, I had an experience of being at the bottom of a pit with no hope at all of getting out. I begged the Lord to tell me what to do. He simply asked me to breathe in and then to breathe out. I realized that my job was to stay alive—nothing more, nothing less. I found myself completely dependent on the God of Hope. He did the rest.*

Studies included in this article are: Hope in Job; Hope in Psalms; Hope in Proverbs; Hope in Ecclesiastes

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## Hope in Job

Job 4:6 *Is not your reverence your confidence? And the integrity of your ways your [hope](#)?*

Job 5:16 *So the poor have [hope](#), And injustice shuts her mouth.*

Job 6:11 *What strength do I have, that I should [hope](#)? And what *is* my end, that I should prolong my life?*

Job 6:19 *The caravans of Tema look, The travelers of Sheba [hope](#) for them.*

Job 7:6 *My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, And are spent without [hope](#).*

Job 8:13 *So *are* the paths of all who forget God; And the [hope](#) of the hypocrite shall perish.*

Job 11:18 *And you would be secure, because there is [hope](#); Yes, you would dig *around you*, and take your rest in safety.*

Job 11:20 *But the eyes of the wicked will fail, And they shall not escape, And their [hope](#)—loss of life!*

Job 14:7 *For there is [hope](#) for a tree, If it is cut down, that it will sprout again, And that its tender shoots will not cease.*

Job 14:19 *As water wears away stones, And as torrents wash away the soil of the earth; So You destroy the [hope](#) of man.*

Job 17:15 *Where then *is* my [hope](#)? As for my [hope](#), who can see it?*

Job 19:10 *He breaks me down on every side, And I am gone; My [hope](#) He has uprooted like a tree.*

Job 27:8 *For what is the [hope](#) of the hypocrite, Though he may gain *much*, If God takes away his life?*

Job 31:24 If I have made gold my [hope](#), Or said to fine gold, ‘*You are my confidence*’.

Job 41:9 Indeed, *any* [hope](#) of *overcoming* him is false; Shall *one not* be overwhelmed at the sight of him?

## Hope in Psalms

Psalms 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in [hope](#).

Psalms 31:24 Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who [hope](#) in the LORD.

Psalms 33:17 A horse *is* a vain [hope](#) for safety; Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength.

Psalms 33:18 Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* on those who fear Him, On those who [hope](#) in His mercy.

Psalms 33:22 Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we [hope](#) in You.

Psalms 38:15 For in You, O LORD, I [hope](#); You will hear, O Lord my God.

Psalms 39:7 And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My [hope](#) *is* in You.

Psalms 42:5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And *why* are you disquieted within me? [Hope](#) in God, for I shall yet praise Him *For* the help of His countenance.

Psalms 42:11 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? [Hope](#) in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

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Psalms 62:10 Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly [hope](#) in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set *your* heart *on them*.

Psalms 71:5 For You are my [hope](#), O Lord GOD; *You are* my trust from my youth.

Psalms 71:14 But I will [hope](#) continually, And will praise You yet more and more.

Psalms 78:7 That they may set their [hope](#) in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments.

Psalms 119:49 ZAYIN. Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to [hope](#).

Psalms 119:81 KAPH. My soul faints for Your salvation, But I [hope](#) in Your word.

Psalms 119:114 You *are* my hiding place and my shield; I [hope](#) in Your word.

Psalms 119:116 Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my [hope](#).

Psalms 119:147 I rise before the dawning of the morning, And cry for help; I [hope](#) in Your word.

Psalms 119:166 LORD, I [hope](#) for Your salvation, And I do Your commandments.

Psalms 130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do [hope](#).

Psalms 130:7 O Israel, [hope](#) in the LORD; For with the LORD *there is* mercy, And with Him *is* abundant redemption.

Psalms 131:3 O Israel, [hope](#) in the LORD From this time forth and forever.

Psalms 146:5 Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, Whose [hope is](#) in the LORD his God.

Psalms 147:11 The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who [hope](#) in His mercy.

### Hope in Proverbs

Proverbs 10:28 The [hope](#) of the righteous *will be* gladness, But the expectation of the wicked will perish.

Proverbs 11:7 When a wicked man dies, *his* expectation will perish, And the [hope](#) of the unjust perishes.

Proverbs 13:12 [Hope](#) deferred makes the heart sick, But *when* the desire comes, *it is* a tree of life.

Proverbs 19:18 Chasten your son while there is [hope](#), And do not set your heart on his destruction.

Proverbs 23:18 For surely there is a hereafter, And your [hope](#) will not be cut off.

Proverbs 24:14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* to your soul; If you have found *it*, there is a prospect, And your [hope](#) will not be cut off.

Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is* more [hope](#) for a fool than for him.

Proverbs 29:20 Do you see a man hasty in his words? *There is* more [hope](#) for a fool than for him.

### Hope in Ecclesiastes

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