## HOPE

#### WHAT IS IT:

Romans 8:24-25 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

IT IS SOMETHING NOT SEEN. THAT IS, IT IS SOMETHING THAT I DO NOT NOW HAVE MANIFESTED IN THE NATURE REALM, AND THEREFORE CANNOT SEE IT, TOUCH IT, NOR SMELL IT. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT YOU DON'T POSSESS IT IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM. FOR IF IT IS ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL, WHICH HE HAS ALREADY STATED AND MADE PROVISIONS FOR, AND YOU HAVE ASKED FOR IT BY PRAYER AND RECEIVED IT IN FAITH, THEN YOU POSSESS IT SPIRITUALLY. BUT YOU MUST HAVE PATIENCE AND STEADFASTNESS UNTIL IT IS PHYSICALLY MANIFESTED. ONCE YOU POSSESS IT PHYSICALLY, YOU DON'T HOPE FOR IT ANYMORE. YOU HAVE IT!

#### How do I get it:

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

THE ONLY WAY TO GET HOPE IS TO GET INTO THE WORD OF GOD AND FIND THE PROMISES OF GOD FOR THAT DESIRE OF YOURS. THEN START MEDITATING ON THE PROMISES.

THE MEDITATION WILL CAUSE THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO HAPPEN:

(1) IT WILL SOLIDIFY YOUR HOPE/VISION/EYESIGHT ON THE TARGET

(2) IT WILL BUILD UP YOUR FAITH BY HEARING THE WORD

(3) IT WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR CONFIDENCE THAT GOD LOVES YOU AND THAT IT IS HIS WILL FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR DESIRED TARGET.

#### How do I use it:

Romans 4:16-21 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

YOU USE YOUR HOPE BY HOLDING ONTO IT. YOU HOLD THAT TARGET, THAT VISION, THAT DESIRE, UP TO GOD, IN YOUR HEART, AND CONTINUE HOLDING IT THERE UNTIL IT IS MANIFESTED. YOU USE YOUR HOPE AS AN ANCHOR. YOU USE THAT WORD OF GOD THAT YOU HAVE FASTENED ONTO AS ANCHOR TO PREVENT THE WAVES AND STORMS OF DOUBT AND UNBELIEF FROM CARRYING YOU AWAY FROM GOD'S WILL IN YOUR LIFE. HIS WILL IS FOR PERFECT AND TOTAL VICTORY IN EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE.

YOU USE YOUR HOPE BY MAINTAINING A SINGLENESS OF HEART, NOT DOUBLE-MINDED, NEVER RECEIVING NEGATIVE THOUGHTS. I DID NOT SAY THAT THE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS WOULD NOT COME! I SAID DO NOT RECEIVE THEM, NOR MEDITATE ON THEM. WHEN YOU MEDITATE ON THEM INSTEAD OF THE WORD OF GOD, FEAR AND DOUBT COME IN! WHEN FEAR COMES IN, FAITH GOES OUT. BUT PRAISE GOD, WHEN FAITH COMES IN, FEAR GOES OUT! YOU CHOOSE WHICH ONE! YOU CHOOSE LIFE OR DEATH!

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

#### CONTINUE IN YOUR HOPE:

Hebrews 10:35-36 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

IF YOU DO NOT UNDERGIRD YOU HOPE OR CONFIDENCE WITH PATIENCE, IT WILL EVENTUALLY COME FALLING TO THE GROUND. WITHOUT PATIENCE, YOU WILL GROW WEARY IN YOUR MIND AND FAINT:

Hebrews 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

# THAT IS WHY YOU NEED TO RENEW YOUR MINDS DAILY (RM 12:1-2). UNLESS YOU FAINT, THEREBY RELEASING YOUR HOPE, AND NEVER ATTAINING IT:

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

### THE RESULT OF LOST HOPE:

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

Ezekiel 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off from our parts.