

BA52. Setting Our Hope on God.

We are to set our hope on God.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

2 Corinthians 1:10

He rescued us from such deadly peril, and he will rescue us again! The one in whom we have placed our hope will indeed continue to rescue us.

1 Timothy 4:10

.. (indeed, it is for this that we toil and strive): we have our hope set on a living God who is the deliverer of all humanity, especially of those who trust.

1 Timothy 6:17

As for those who do have riches in this present world, charge them not to be proud and not to let their hopes rest on the uncertainties of riches but to rest their hopes on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Acts 24:15

Romans 5:3-5, 15:12-13

1 Timothy 5:5

Titus 1:1-3, 2:11-13

Hebrews 6:19

1 Peter 3:5

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Psalms 31:25(24)

Be strong, and fill your hearts with courage, all of you who hope in ADONAI.

Psalms 33:22

May your mercy, ADONAI, be over us, because we put our hope in you.

Psalms 39:8(7)

Now, Adonai, what am I waiting for? You are my only hope.

Psalms 42:6(5)

My soul, why are you so downcast? Why are you groaning inside me? Hope in God, since I will praise him again for the salvation that comes from his presence.

Psalms 71:5

For you are my hope, Adonai ELOHIM, in whom I have trusted since I was young.

Psalms 130:7

Isra'el, put your hope in ADONAI! For grace is found with ADONAI, and with him is unlimited redemption.

Psalms 146:5

Happy is he whose help is Ya'akov's God, whose hope is in ADONAI his God.

Lamentations 3:21-26

But in my mind I keep returning to something, something that gives me hope- that the grace of ADONAI is not exhausted, that his compassion has not ended. [On the contrary,] they are new every morning! How great your faithfulness! "ADONAI is all I have," I say; "therefore I will put my hope in him. ADONAI is good to those waiting for him, to those who are seeking him out. It is good to wait patiently for the saving help of ADONAI.

Comment

Hoping is wishing for something in the future combined with an expectation or sense of the likelihood that what is hoped for will (or at least can) come to pass. One cannot rationally hope for that which one believes is impossible, but with God all things are possible. When considering the expression "hope on/in God," it is reasonable to ask "hope for what?" We can hope for anything we want, but its use in the Bible assumes that we are hoping for that which God wants as well. Hope and faith are not the same. Hope is the anticipation of something that we desire that may or may not come to pass, whereas faith, when properly applied, knows that something will come to pass because God has revealed it. Hebrews 11:1 says it this way: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." This *Mitzvah* #BA52 ("We are to set our hope on God") infers that we should not hope for anything or in anyone other than in God.

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