

GOD NEVER SAID THAT

WEEK 5 | HOPE | 1 PETER 1:3-12

INSPECTION: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What is the foundation of our hope of salvation according to verse 3?
Name three characteristics from verse 4 of our inheritance that is kept in heaven for us.
What three results does genuineness of faith produce when Christ returns? Verse 7
Of what did the prophets speak that would come in the future? Verse 10
Who were the prophets serving when they spoke? Verse 12

OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

How is faith a shield for those who put their trust in Jesus?
Does God allow or cause sufferings and trials in our lives?
What is the source of joy in the life of the Jesus follower?
What does “angels long to look” in verse 12 tell us about God’s planning?
Read 2 Peter 3:8-15. What two benefits come from the Lord’s patience?

LIFE APPLICATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

Practice a 1 Peter 1:13 attitude toward life: minds alert and fully sober.
Send a note of encouragement to someone suffering grief.
Pick one of the prophets from the Old Testament and get to know them.
Take a walk and consider how God has turned your trials into joy.
Use the news cycle to pray for those who are lost and hurting.

MEDITATION: WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

Jeremiah 29:11

Psalms 42:11

Isaiah 40:31

Romans 15:13

Hebrews 11:1

Micah 7:7

Isaiah 61:1

1 John 4:4

SUPPLICATION: WHAT CAN WE MEDITATE?

Psalm 42

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When can I go and meet with God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

While people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

How I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One,

With shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.

My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember You

From the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep in the roar of Your waterfalls;

All Your waves and breakers have swept over me.

By day the Lord directs His love,

At night His song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me?

Why must I go about mourning, Oppressed by the enemy?"

My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me,

Saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

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King David – 1000 BC