

Hope!

Scripture: Psalm 71:1-14

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Message:

But I will hope continually, and I will praise you yet more and more.

Psalm 71:14

After several verses of passionate expression of anguish caused by the enemy, the psalmist commits to hope in God and His sovereignty in dealing with the attack. The psalmist also promises to praise God despite the circumstances.

How many times do we find ourselves feeling attacked or overwhelmed in life? Whether we are truly mistreated by someone or the circumstances just seem to be against us, sometimes we feel as sorrowful as the psalmist did, and plead with God to rescue us and help us.

The good news is, He is here. He won't let us down. As we see in the story of Joseph in the book of Genesis, God can take what is intended for evil and transform it into good, and for this reason, we can commit to hoping in Him and trusting in his authority. Hope, in general, is the expectation that something good lies ahead.

Our hope in Christ is knowing without a doubt that something good does lie ahead, and that in the end, Christ wins, and we win with Christ. After all, God will be victorious, and our enemy will not prevail.

How would our lives look different if we began to have hope in the face of adversity and attack? Though we encounter momentary hardships, let us promise to keep hoping in our victorious God and continue to praise Him more and more.

Prayer: *Holy God, we give thanks for Your presence in our lives, especially when times are difficult. Hope is precious, and because of your promises, we have the strength to be ever hopeful and assured of victory through You. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

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