

BIBLE WORK

What does the Bible say about hope?

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord,
I wait for God my Savior, my God will hear me.

MICAH 7:7

When a loved one dies, it's common to feel hopeless, that we have nothing left to live for. Yet, in **Romans 12:12**, we're told to rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **Hebrews 11:1** tells us that faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **Romans 8:24-25** also tells us to wait with patience for hope for what we do not see.

The story of Daniel walking into the lion's den with the odds stacked against him is perhaps one of the greatest stories of hope overcoming despair. In **Daniel 6**, the ruler Darius the Mede was tricked by Daniel's rivals into issuing a decree that for thirty days no prayers should be addressed to any god or man but Darius himself. Anyone who disobeyed was to be thrown to the lions. Defying the order, Daniel continued to pray to God. Condemned for his actions, Daniel was thrown to a certain death at the jaws of the lions, but instead was found alive in the morning, as God had protected him from the lions' jaws.

When we're in despair, do we pray God will restore our hope, our faith, or both?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOPE?

Does the Bible's portrayal of hope bring comfort?
If so, what scriptures do you find helpful?

ANSWER:



SCRIPTURES TO EXPLORE

- JEREMIAH 29:11
- ROMANS 15:13
- ISAIAH 41:10
- PSALM 62:5

MY SCRIPTURES



PRAYER

Dear God,

This journey through sorrow has been long and hard. I am told to wait with patience for hope, yet I'm not even sure what to hope for.

Lord, I thank you for walking with me on this journey, and for reminding me that you created me for good works. I trust that my season of grief will lead to new growth, and you'll turn my pain into purpose that gives me hope and glorifies you when you're ready.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

