

Thought for the Day

Friday November 15, 2024

Today's Scripture:

**Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for He who has promised is faithful.**

~ Hebrews 10: 23

Thoughts on Today's Verse(s):

What are you currently hoping for? More important, *who* are you hoping *in*? Hope is a powerful and essential element in and of the human experience. Without it, we are lost. Without hope, we are in trouble. When people lose all hope, disaster usually follows. It is through this amazing and wonderful gift from God called *hope* that we keep ourselves persevering through the darkness of life - and the darkness comes to everyone.

We hope for comfort, we hope for prosperity. We hope for fellowship and good company, we hope for relief and rest. We hope for good times without pain nor sorrow, we hope for love and companionship. All of our hopes in this world might be wrapped up in one word: *pleasure*. Much of our time is spent hoping for it and seeking it. There is a better place to put our hope.

My family name has its roots in the highlands of Scotland and some time ago, someone gave me a Fraser clan lapel pin that sums up where my hope lies and in its inscription is the best of declarations. It reads, "**All my hope is in God**". (see pic below) I do so treasure that pin, but my hope is not in the pin nor what it says. My hope is in my Savior.

Friends, isn't that where all our hope should be? In Jesus? In The Lord of lords and King of kings? Anything we hope for in this world is temporal and will not go with us when we come face to face with Him. So, why hope for all those pleasurable things? They will not last. Jesus offers us a hope in His Heavenly kingdom that is everlasting, eternal and forever. Is that not the best place to place our hope?

The Writer(s) of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to put all our hope in The Divine. God has promised us an eternity of rest and comfort, bliss and blessing, through His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We are exhorted to *hold fast, hold unswervingly, without wavering*, to that hope because it is the very best place to put our hope. Why? Because God has never relented on a promise and He has proven over and over again that He is faithful, far more faithful, reliable and true than we could ever be nor any worldly pleasure. When the darkness come, and it will, let us *always* turn to Almighty God, placing all our hope and faith and trust in Him.



Prayer:

All our hope is in You, O Lord. Our trust, our faith and our hope for an eternity with You in peace, is all in You and Your free gift of salvation. Thank You for the gift of hope You have paced in our human hearts as it drives us onward. It helps us to persevere and endure the drudgery of this earthly existence. Lord, we tend to hope for worldly pleasures but we need to remember that You are always the best place to put our hope. Guide us and inspire us to place all our hope in You whenever the darkness of this troubled life comes. Stir us to seek You in prayer, hoping beyond all hope that You hear and answer. We pray in Your Holy Name Above All Names, Amen.