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God of Hope April 20, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

Prophetically I see the devil releasing waves of hopelessness over people and families and over situations and circumstances. He is trying to capture and drown those he can in hopelessness. Hopelessness is a crippling spirit. Most of all know that hopelessness is a lying spirit from the pit of hell. There is no hopelessness in heaven. There was no hopelessness in the Garden of Eden. We were not created to carry hopelessness or to be devastated by hopelessness. Hopelessness is a spirit that comes to discourage and dissuade us from advancing into our God-given destiny. Hopelessness stops forward movement and brings on a mentality of victimization. The devil hates and attacks hope because he has no hope and wants to steal your hope. He comes to kill your hope. Why? Because hope is empowering. Hope breaks captivity. And hope is part of overcoming. The devil will try to overwhelm you, discourage you and distract you to rob you of your hope. Overwhelm literally means to weaken, disable and overthrow.

The Lord wants to strengthen you in hope. The word hope in English often conveys doubt. But hope from God instills confidence, certainty and security. There is no doubt attached to the hope that God releases. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hope from God is a reality and not a feeling. Hope from God is a sure foundation upon which we can base our lives upon the promises and faithfulness of God.

God is the God of HOPE

- Jesus is our hope; He is the LIVING HOPE in our heart.
- Hope is a dimension, it is a place. That place is filled with confident expectation and anticipation of a reality becoming manifest. Hope is not wishful thinking or a fantasy. Hope is linked to a certain outcome.
- Hope is the fruit of believing God.
- Hope is a place of trust, there is no doubt or confusion.
- Hope comes with the wind of Holy Spirit lifting you above circumstances that could seemingly resist hope.
- Hope is a state of your heart.
- Hope is substantive – it has supernatural ability and is part of forming what you are hoping for.
- Hope has a sound – it is the sound of joy that comes with expectation.
- Hope is alive; it carries life because it is linked to the promise of God.
- Hope is filled with energy to advance, to stand strong, to persevere, to be courageous.
- Hope is linked to the desires of your heart.
- Hope draws you into your future.
- Hope fills you with strength.
- Hope is a force. When you have hope it creates a force field or protective barrier around you like a shield.

Romans 15.13 NIV

¹³ **May the God of HOPE FILL YOU with all joy and peace** as you trust in Him, so that you may **OVERFLOW with HOPE by the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT.**

Jeremiah 29.11 NIV

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, **plans to give you hope and a future.**

Isaiah 40.31 NIV

³¹ But **those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.** They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Romans 4.18 NIV

¹⁸ **Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed** and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Romans 8.24 TPT

²⁴ **For this is the hope of our salvation. But hope means that we must trust and wait for what is still unseen. For why would we need to hope for something we already have?**

Romans 12.12 TPT

¹² **Let this hope burst forth within you,** releasing a continual joy. **Don't give up in a time of trouble,** but commune with God at all times.

Psalms 33.18 NIV

¹⁸ But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose **hope is in his unfailing love,**

1 Peter 1.3 NIV

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy **he has given us new birth into a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Psalms 33.20 TPT

²⁰ **The Lord alone is our radiant hope** and we trust in him with all our hearts. His wraparound presence will strengthen us.

Psalms 91.2 TPT

² **He's the hope that holds me** and the stronghold to shelter me, the only God for me, and my great confidence.

Prayer

We decree HOPE to our nation and to the people. We say put your HOPE in the unfailing faithfulness of our God. For indeed He has a HOPE and GOOD FUTURE for us – it is a certainty. We lay hold of faith and release hope into the atmosphere over our nation and over communities. Hope makes the blind to see and the lame to walk. The atmosphere of HOPE is filled with the miraculous. HOPE shifts circumstances into victory! The God of HOPE is over our cities and land.

Declaring Psalm 33 over Detroit and our nation:

¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸ But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

¹⁹ to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

²² May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.