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HOPE, the Most Precious Commodity
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Today, like when most tragedies occur, people are uncertain about what the future holds. The current Covid-19 pandemic has certainly added to the long and growing list of concerns faced by citizens and world leaders alike. Moments of crises, however, inevitably create a need for something most precious - HOPE. The truth is, the deeper we fall into despair, the more important hope becomes. When hope is lacking, we can easily find ourselves locked in a foreboding world of anxiety and misery.

If we examine modern connotations of hope, we will notice that it is similar to “wishful thinking.” For example, “I hope that the situation will work out,” or “I hope that my family and I would be alright.” This type of hope is like standing with our feet firmly planted in the air- it is a feeble human attempt to wish the problem away.

Is it possible, therefore, to find real hope in the midst of situations that appear to be hopeless? The answer is “YES!” Genuine hope is firmly grounded in God and His promises. It involves patiently waiting for that which we hope for, with eager anticipation of the attendant benefits. Our confidence in the divine promises is the solid ground on which we stand. Psalms 28:7 captures the essence of hope for the one who believes in God, “The Lord is my Strength and my Shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.”

Biblical hope is a trustful expectation of the fulfillment of God’s promises and the anticipation of a favorable outcome. We place our confidence in God, based on what God has done in the past, and what we believe He will do in the future.

As the world grapple with the current Covid-19 pandemic, many are engaging in panic buying, filling the shopping carts with “essential” items. This has created a shortage of food supplies, cleaning agents, hand sanitizers, and important medicines. Those things are important, but the most precious commodity we can place in our cart is HOPE—Hope in God and the promises found in His Word. Whatever the circumstances that we may face today, let us keep our hope in God.