

Secured Hope

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My daughter and I were talking about my getting 4 fares tonight while Ubering. For this area, in 2 hours, 4 isn't bad and she said "Well that's good for a Tuesday that isn't bad, what's that saying low expectations, high hopes?"

She said you went out not expecting much for a Tuesday and you got 4 fares. It's true I wasn't expecting much but I never know with the Lord on my side. Most nights when I go out, I have a conversation with the Lord that goes something like this:

"Well Lord it's You and me!" at some point I say "You know what we need"

So my daughter saying this made me reflect on the continual process, not just once or when we are in need – but continually placing our hope in the Lord. When she said this, I immediately knew to write to our readers to remember where our hope lies. I know that my hope is in God not the Uber app. but I'm sure there are others areas I could use encouragement.

As I was reading through scriptures on hope I was also reminded that every scripture on hope points to a spiritual destination of eternally being with the Father and our being saved through grace that brings us to an eternal hope. I know we are to hope in the Lord and that His will for us is a hope we can trust in, but more so our hope should be in the fact that our end is ETERNITY with Him and that is our future! Our future here is so fleeting, we live for a minute, day, a few years. It's nothing in the grand plan of our future with Jesus the King. Our goal here is to direct the placement of our hope – and prepare to set our hope fully in the reason God so loved the world.

Proverbs 24:14 - ¹⁴ Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

Jeremiah 29:11 - ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare^[a] and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 - ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,

Romans 8:24-25 - ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

1 Peter 1:13 - ¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.