

"MY HOPE IS IN THE LORD!"

Jeremiah 17:7 – *"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord,
And whose hope the Lord is."*



Our present day situation is unlike any other that this generation has ever witnessed before. Christians are so quick to say, "We're living in the last days!" Well I stopped by to tell you that the "last days" have been coming since the day of creation! People of God, there is nothing new under the sun. Understand that history simply repeats itself – fashion returns, hairstyles return, and dances return. It's the same thing with a new twist to deceive the next generation into thinking that they are experiencing something brand new. Listen, the only thing that is new, is us. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"

In Matthews 24:3-14, Jesus foretells the prophecy of the end. He speaks on the signs of the end times which are quite evident to us today – wars and rumors of wars, nations against nations, kingdoms against kingdoms, famines and pestilences, and earth quakes in divers places. Believers are offended and betrayed and actually hate one another. False prophets are rising up and deceiving many and sin is ever abounding in the land! Remember the war in Iraq, Pakistan, Lebanon, and Somalia? What about Hurricane Katrina, Ike and Andrew? How about earthquakes shaking up places like Japan, Chile, Alaska and Indonesia? We the Believers must not allow our faith to waiver from extenuating circumstances that we have no control over. This is God's world and He can do what He wants to, when He wants to and how He wants to. Who is your hope?

Our economy fluctuates from certainty to uncertainty. It's so amazing that this generation is earning more money than our parents and their parents, but we can't seem to make ends meet. Something is truly wrong with this picture. The word of God reminds us that we who are blood washed believers should not be worried about what's going on around us or about what we shall eat or wear because we trust and hope in the Lord! We can't put our hope in the next President. We can't put our hope in the next House Representative. We can't put our hope in our City officials, and sadly to say, we can't even put our hope in our Pastors! But Blessed and Happy is the man who trusts and hopes in the Lord! "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Let me encourage you and speak life to you. You can hope in the Lord to see you through. Do not become weary when the world is in a state of doubt and hopelessness! Our hope is in the Lord and we can stand in confidence. When the world feels like they've gone to their extreme, we can hope in the Lord! When the world weeps as though they have no hope, we know that weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning! No matter what it looks like; No matter what it feels like; No matter what you hear, know that God is yet in control! Whatever you need God's got it! I don't know about you today, but my hope is in the Lord. Do you have hope?

I am reminded of a song a dear friend of mine recorded, the late Minister Gene Viale that was entitled "The Only Hope We Have is in Christ Jesus"! Someone is facing major crises in your life. Don't give up. And don't give in. Jehovah Jireh will supply all of your needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus. Let me leave you with these lyrics to ponder upon "The only hope we have is in Christ Jesus, the only one to help us in this world of turmoils. Tho Satan's foes oppress and our hearts distressed, but we have this hope and it's in Jesus. The strength we need is found in Christ our Savior. The One who cared enough to set our souls free. Tho we may suffer pain we feel there's nothing to gain, but we have this hope and it's in Jesus. The hope of joy we find in our Dear Master, No other one can heal and cleanse our lives within. Tho all of us have sinned our sins He'll forgive, yes we have this hope and it's in Jesus. The only hope we have is in Jesus. Confusion is great in this world today. Persecutions may come with such a heavy weight, but we have this hope and it's in Jesus."

Blessed!

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