



ready to be revealed in the last time."
(2 Peter 1:2-4) "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, {3} as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, {4} by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

hope by turning to the Lord.

How about you? How did you respond the last time something went wrong? Did you fall apart? If so, you need to ask God for patience and a positive perspective to handle life's setbacks in a mature Christian way (James 1:2-5). When things go wrong, ask God for strength and wisdom. Then thank Him for working to increase your faith. —DCE

*Oh, give me a grateful heart,
A heart that's tried and true,
So that when troubles and trials come
I'll still be praising You. —Hawkes*

Tough times teach trust.



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When Things Go Wrong

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair. —2 Corinthians 4:8

One measure of our spiritual maturity is the way we respond when things go wrong. If we give in to despair, doubt God's existence, or strike out at some innocent person, we have some growing up to do.



Explorer Samuel Hearne (1745-1792) was on an expedition in northern Canada when a crucial piece of charting equipment broke. So he had to turn back. Then, thieves stole most of his supplies. Hearne responded in an unexpected way. In his journal he wrote, "As the ravagers had materially lightened my load, . . . this part of the journey was the easiest and most pleasant of any I had experienced since my leaving the fort."

Back in the first century, as the apostle Paul travelled from town to town proclaiming the gospel, he faced opposition and desperate situations (2 Corinthians 4:8-10; 11:23-33). Time and time again he found help and

Hope and Help in a Broken World

(Job 2:3) "... you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."

(Job 42:12) "Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; ..." (17) "So Job died, old and full of days."

(Acts 2:22-24) "'Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know; {23} 'Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; {24} 'whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.'"



(Romans 8:28) "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

(Romans 8:35-39) "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? .. {38} For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, {39} nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Revelation 15:3-4) "... Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! {4} Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

This morning we make 5 statements about the hope and help you can find in the Lord:

1. There is hope and help in God's _____ : Get _____, Psalm 146:5



(John 14:21) "... And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, ..." "

(John 14:23) "... 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.'"

(Isaiah 59:2) "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear."

(Isaiah 53:6) "All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; ..." "

(1 John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(John 3:17) "'For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.'"

(Acts 3:19) "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, ...,"

(Acts 20:21) "... repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

(Romans 10:9) "...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

2. There is hope and help in God's _____ : Find _____, Psalm 42:3, 5

(Jeremiah 31:3) "The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."



3. There is hope and help in God's _____ : Find _____, Psalm 119:147

(Romans 11:33) "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"

(Luke 4:18) "'The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;'"



4. There is hope and help in God's _____ : Find _____,



(Philippians 4:13) "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

(2 Corinthians 9:8) "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

(John 15:4-5) "'Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. {5} 'I am the vine, you are the branches. He

who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.'"

(2 Corinthians 3:5) "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,"

5. There is hope and help in God's _____ : Find that _____, Psalm 119:147

(1 Peter 1:3-5) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, {4} to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, {5} who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation