

The Gospel of Luke: Biblical Hope

Luke 1:1-25

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We can become depressed by believing in misrepresentations of God

Exodus 20:4

“You shall **not make for yourself** a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Faith and Hope are inseparable

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of **things** hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Revisiting Hope Biblically Defined

1. Biblical hope _____ from His-tory

Referenced in Luke’s Prologue (1:1-4): Luke 1:1

¹ Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that **have been accomplished among us**,

Found in secular history: Luke 1:5

⁵ In the **days of Herod, king of Judea**, there was a priest named **Zechariah**, of the division of **Abijah**. And he had a wife from the daughters of **Aaron**, and her name was **Elizabeth**.

Foretold in the Old Testament: Malachi 4:5-6 (ESV)

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Our History is His Story – Our Hope originates in His _____

2. Biblical hope is _____ through eye-witness accounts

Luke 1:2

² just as those who from the beginning were **eyewitnesses** and ministers of the word have **delivered them to us**,

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **we were eyewitnesses** of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ **we ourselves** heard this very voice borne from heaven, for **we were with him** on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And **we have** the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that **no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation**. ²¹ For **no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit**.

Our Hope is discovered in the _____ of Jesus

3. Biblical hope is _____ by right teaching about God

The purpose statement of both Luke and Acts: Luke 1:4
that you may have **certainty** concerning the things you have been **taught**.

Our Hope is strengthened by correct _____ of God