

# Unshakable Hope

## Chapter 1

God's Great and Precious  
Promises

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## HEBREW

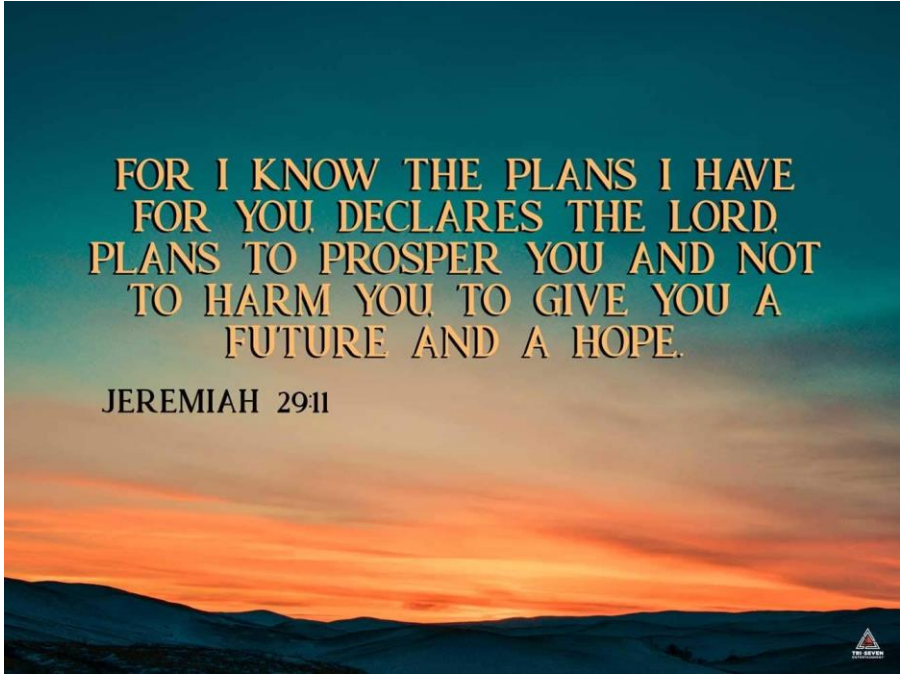


## TIQVAH

*To Expect*

## QUAVAH

*To wait, expect  
look eagerly*



FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE  
FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD,  
PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT  
TO HARM YOU, TO GIVE YOU A  
FUTURE AND A HOPE.

JEREMIAH 29:11

# So what is this hope?

יחל - Yachal - "To wait or hope"

Why are you in despair, O my soul?  
And why have you become disturbed  
within me? **Hope** in God, for I shall again  
praise Him for the help of His presence.

*Psalms 42:5*



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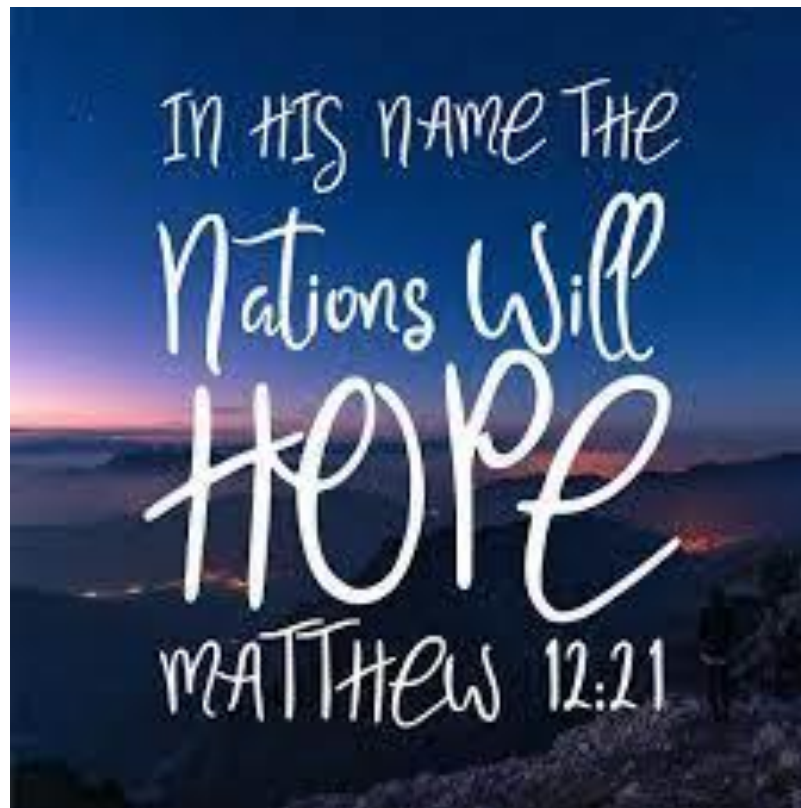
## GREEK

ἐλπίς

elpis / hope

expectation, trust, and confidence

an expectation of what is guarantee

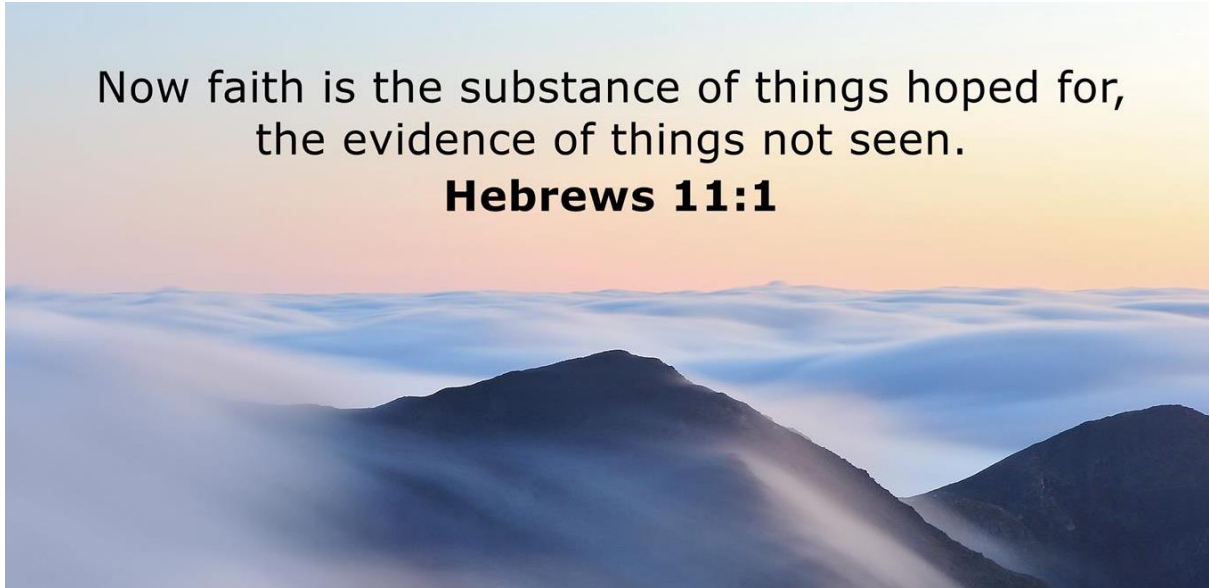


# A hope founded in faith



Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,  
the evidence of things not seen.

**Hebrews 11:1**



**God has given us His very great and precious promises so that through them you may participate in the divine nature.**

**2 PETER 1:4**

Who are the heroes of  
the faith listed in  
Hebrews 11:7-34?

Why are they listed  
as heroes?



**Genesis 12:1-3**

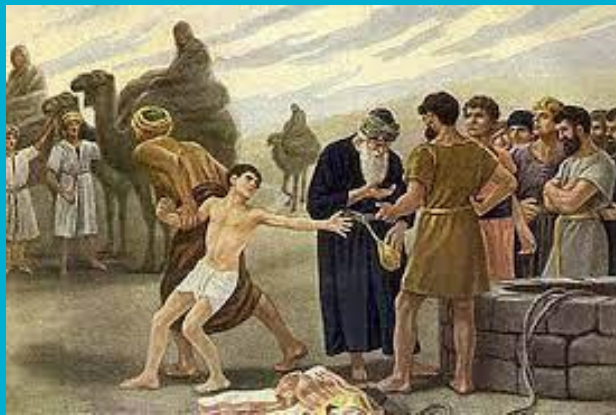
**“Now the Lord had  
said unto Abram, Get  
thee out of thy  
country, and from thy  
kindred, and from thy  
father's house, unto a  
land that I will shew  
thee:**





Because of God's promises, they became heirs to the Kingdom.

Why are they considered to be heroes?



## Matthew 8 : 5-11

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.” Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?” The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done, just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment. Matthew 8: 12-13



Do you recall this story?

Acts 27:25 NIV

25 So keep up your courage,  
men, for I have faith in God that  
it will happen just as he told me.



**What does this scripture say  
about our God and our faith  
in Him?**

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# These Scriptures from chapter 1 remind us of Who God is:

## **James 1:17 NIV**

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

→ **Our God is Unchanging! He sees the end from the beginning and He is never caught off guard.**

## **Romans 4:20-21 NIV**

Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

→ **Our God is Strong! He will not over promise or underdeliver.**

## **Hebrews 10:23 NIV**

23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

→ **Our God can be trusted to keep His promises.**





In this first Chapter, we have read that God keeps His promises.

Right now, in your life, is it easy to believe that God will keep His promises?  
Or is it difficult?

Turn and talk to your neighbor.

Remember the story of the  
shaky thumb?

Max says he could ponder the  
problem or remember the  
promise.

What problem are you pondering today?



Now let's read a few more promises!

**The Lord is with you.  
Judges 6:12**

**In this world, you will have  
troubles. But take heart! I  
have overcome the world!  
John 16:33**

**And we know that all things work together for good to those  
who love God, to those who are called according to His  
purposes. Romans 8: 28**



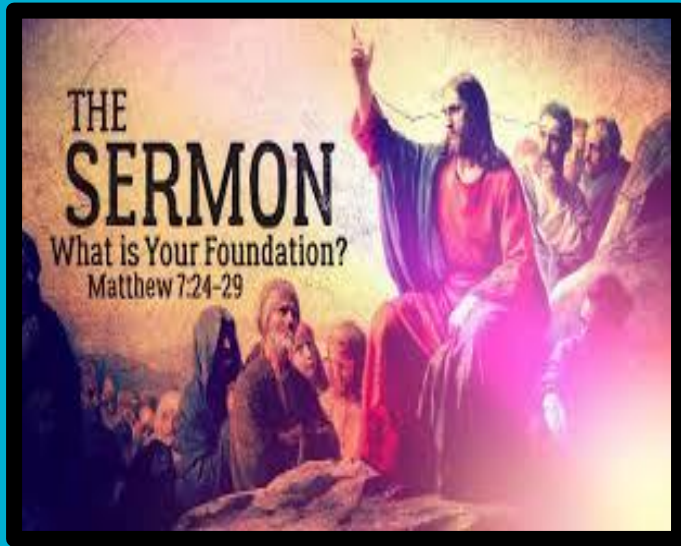
**Which of those promises could help you today?**

**Have you ever seen a promise play out in your life?**

**What were those circumstances?**



**How could remembering the way that God has kept His promises in the past, give you hope that He will keep them now and in the future?**



Jesus said, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

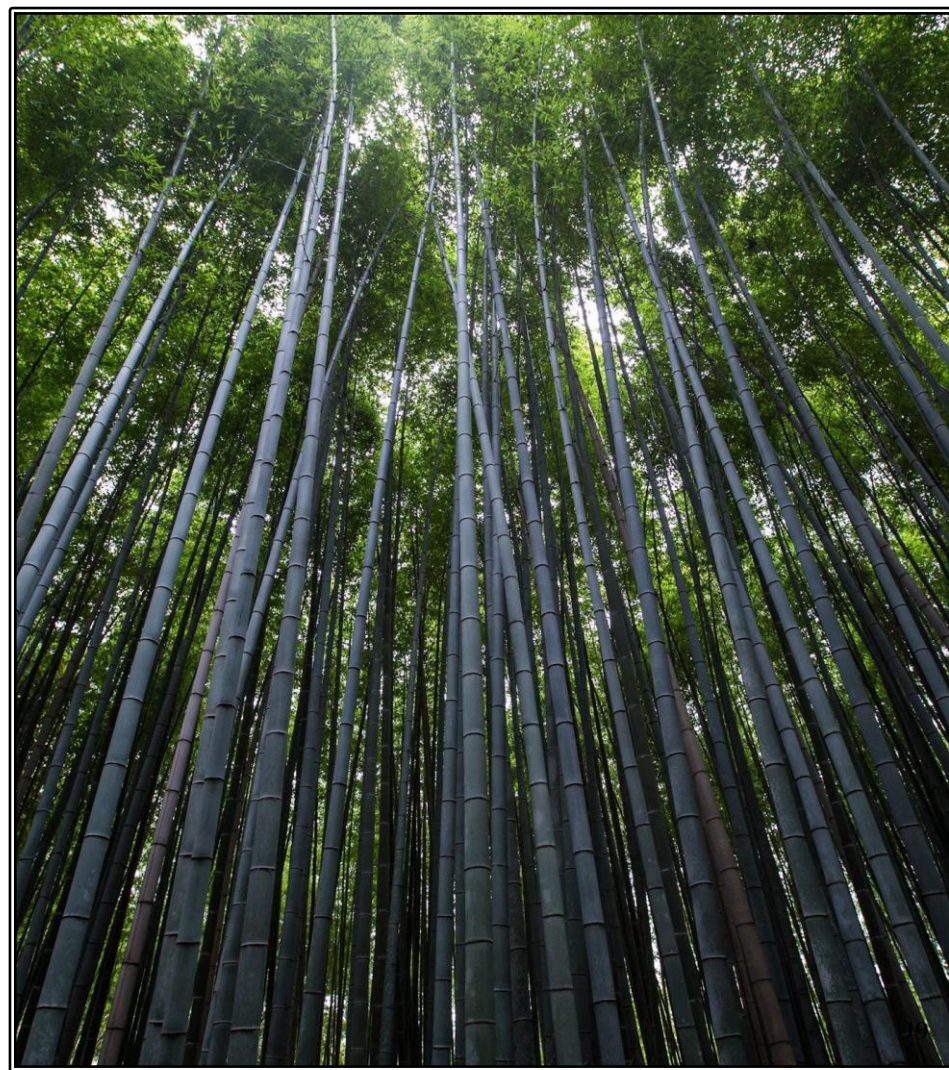


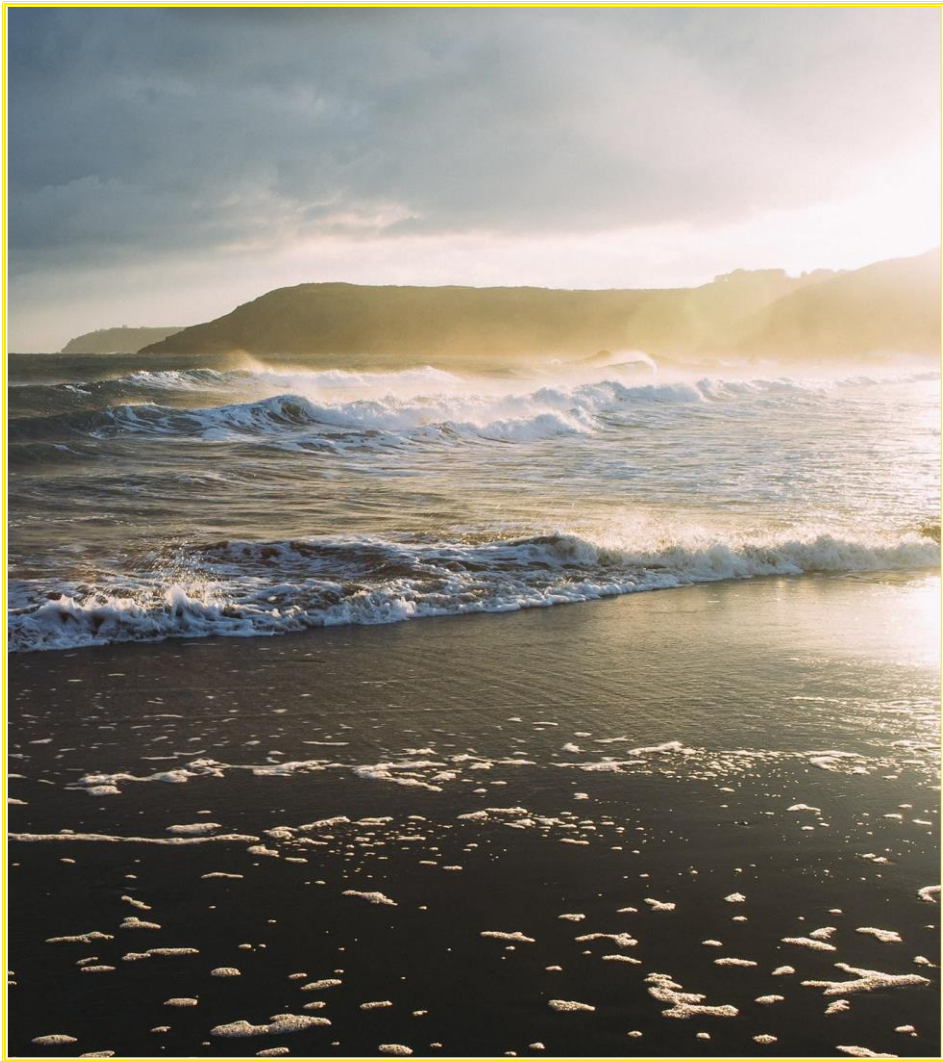
# People of the Promise

Choose to ponder, proclaim and  
pray the promises of God.

They choose Hope.

In reflection, to truly live (in Him) do we have  
any other choice than to hope (in Him)?





God wants to give you a new song!  
In Isaiah 96: 1-4 the prophet says

“Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all of the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name, proclaim His salvation day after day, Declare his glory among all of the peoples. For great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise.

There is something supernatural that happens when believers sing a song of worship to the Lord. Especially if life is feeling old. Don't despair! Don't grow weary! Fill up with Joy!