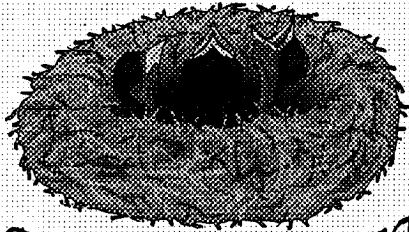
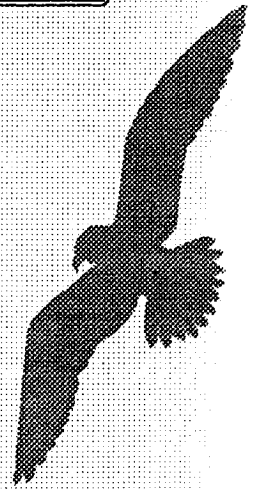


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*



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**"And now abideth Faith, Hope, Love, these three;
but the greatest of these is Love".
1st Corinthians 13:13.**

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less.

**"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood—God's righteousness:
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name!**

**When darkness seems to veil His face
I rest on His unchanging grace:
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil!**

**Eternally His promise stands,-
My name is graven on His hands!
When all around my soul gives way,
He still abides, my Hope and Stay!"**

—Edward Moté.

**"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both
sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within
the veil." Hebrews 6:19.**

**"Will your anchor hold in the storms of life
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?"**

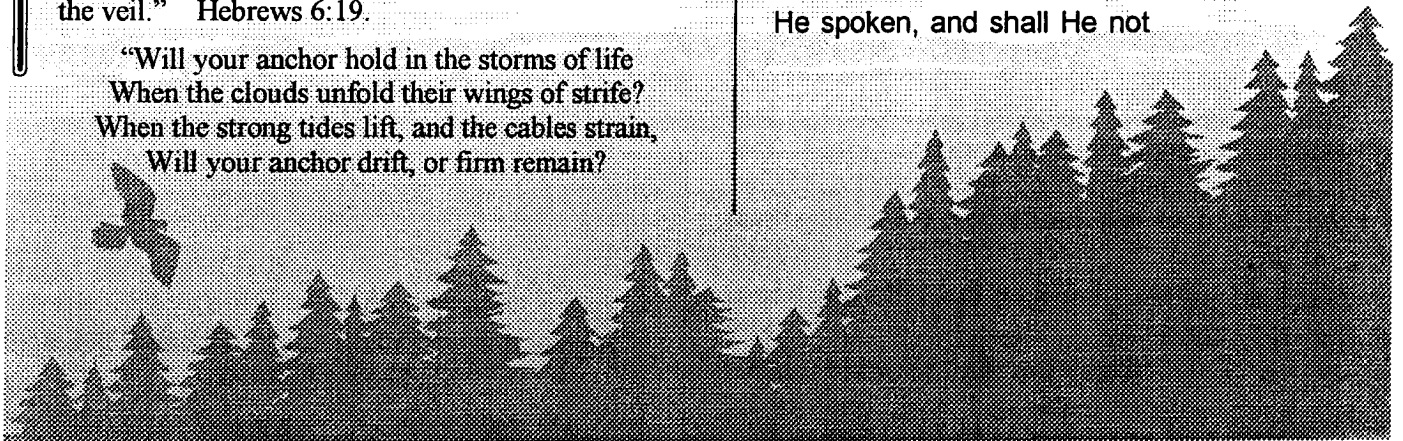
**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love".**

—Priscilla Owens

Dear Friends,

Faith, Hope, Love. What wonderful truths these three words suggest to us! If we are to live a life that will be fulfilling and satisfying all three of these virtues need to be present in our lives. In a previous issue we looked at faith. Let's look at hope in this issue and then in a future issue at love.

Hope. We usually hear the word "hope" being used or even may use it ourselves with a remark such as "I hope so" without any good basis for expecting fulfillment. In the Bible hope is based upon the promises of God. And God will always do what He says He will do as we read in Numbers 23:19. "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: Hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not



make it good?" Mr. Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words records that "hope" as used in the Bible is a "favorable and confident expectation. It has to do with the unseen and the future."

God is the Author of hope. He is the **God of Hope** and is able to fill us with all joy and peace in believing. Romans 15:13.

The Holy Spirit is the power of Hope. We can **abound in hope** through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13. What does God, the Holy Spirit, use to make us abound in hope?

The Word of God is what the Holy Spirit will use to produce that hope in us. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have **hope.**" Romans 15:4.

How important it is, then, for us to search the scriptures daily. It is as we read and study the Bible that our hope will be strengthened and increased.

Hope is also produced in us by tribulation. Although we never look forward to trials yet it is through trials that we learn to know God better. The following hymn suggests to us the ways that trials can be used by God to foster hope:

Each sorrow Thou hast sent to me
Has only drawn me nearer Thee,
Blest Savior! Taught my soul to hide,
In safety, in Thy wounded side.

Each step of mine that was unmeet
Has only brought me to Thy feet,
To learn, thro' these, my willful ways,
A deeper, sweeter note of praise.

Though anguish fill my breaking heart,
When called from one I love to part,
It doth but loose from earth's dark shore,
And make me long for Thee the more.

The joy, rebuke, the grief, the pain,
Thou sendest, Lord, is all my gain;
For all things work for good to one
Who loveth God, and thee, His Son."

—Helen McDowell

Yes, tribulation, worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, **hope:** and hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us:" Romans 5:3-5. :

Here are a few more of the different hopes mentioned in the Bible.

"But let us who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation." 1 Thes. 5:8.

The salvation that is mentioned here is the salvation from the *presence* of sin. The believer in the Lord Jesus Christ has been saved from the *penalty* of sin through Christ's death. Every believer in Christ can experience salvation from the *power* of sin by daily walking close to the Lord. But when the Lord Jesus descends from heaven and gives that 'shout' every believer in Christ will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. We will then be saved from the very *presence* of sin. 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17.

In Romans 8:23-25 we read of another hope. That is the wonderful hope of being with the Lord and like Him. We are "waiting —for the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope (or in the power of this hope) but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." **"We shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is."** 1 John 3:2.

"Like Jesus in that place
Of light and love supreme,—
Once Man of Sorrows full of grace,
Heaven's blest and endless theme!

Like Him! Oh, grace supreme!
Like Him before Thy face!
Like Him to know that glory beam,
Unhindered, face to face!

Oh, love, supreme and bright,
Good to the feeblest heart,
That gives us now, as heav'nly light,
What soon shall be our part!"

—JND.

We have a "**good hope**" through grace. 2 Thessalonians 2:16. We are looking for that "**blessed hope.**" Titus 2:13. Our hope is a "**living hope.**" 1 Peter 1:3. It is also a "**better hope.**" Hebrews 7:19. We also have the full "**assurance of hope.**" Hebrews 6:11. "Every man that hath this **hope in Him** purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3:3. May the Lord Jesus keep that **hope** alive in our hearts.

In His wonderful love,

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