

#BLESSED

Part 3: Blessed Are The Hopeful

THE BLESSINGS OF HOPE

A. Hope: biblically a different meaning than a wish

1. Biblical hope is a confident favorable expectation

B. Who are the hopeful today?

1. Those engaged in something new
2. The young
3. Those who have their hope in God (*Psalm 146:5 NASB*)

WHEN HOPE CAME (1 Samuel 11:1-6; 9-11 NIV)

A. Overwhelmed by a stronger force

1. With no means to stop the enemy - a bleak situation
2. Forced to negotiate with no option of win/win

B. Not much hope in their solution

1. If no one comes ...
2. What will be will be - it is what it is

C. The promise of help

1. Messengers brought back word that help was coming
2. The people chose to believe that word
3. Because they believed the word of Saul, they were happy

LIVING BLESSED AS THE HOPEFUL

A. God's word generates hope (*Psalm 119:49 NKJV*)

1. God's word is likened to seed
2. The seeds you plant in your life impact your life
3. Plant seeds of hope

B. God's promise of help gives hope (*Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV*)

1. You are not abandoned
2. Talk about the promise of God's help - we can confidently say..
3. The Lord is helping me is a powerful hope builder

C. Stay connected to the God of hope by giving thanks (*Psalm 71:14 NKJV*)

1. Praise - to show genuine appreciation for the great actions and character of God
2. Thankful for what He has done
3. Giving thanks sparks hope for the future