

ANCIENT WORDS

Hope

Words Matter and God's Word Matters Most

- **Hope in our Daily Conversation**

A. All examples have this in common: Is the hope well founded? It's an expression of uncertainty.

- **False Hope**

A. Armies, Alliances; Riches, False Religions and Superstition

- **The Distinctive Biblical Meaning of the Word Hope**

A. Central truth of Biblical Hope: Not centered in our circumstances, centered on God.

What is a living hope? It moves through life with us.

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Matthew 12:15-21

¹⁵ Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all ¹⁶ and ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁸ “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;

²⁰ a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory;

²¹ and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”