

The Believer's Certain Hope

Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. (Psalms 130:7-8)

Oh, let every believer in Jesus Christ who is brought into the depths by our sin or by the dark providence of God cry unto the Father in the name of Christ our mediator! Let us confess the holiness of God and our great need for forgiveness – forgiveness that is only found in Jesus Christ. Let us by faith fall at the feet of Christ in whom alone is pardon, forgiveness, and grace to help.

Then we must by faith in hope wait with endurance in the midst of the depths for God to fulfill all that He has promised to do for us in His word. And here the Holy Spirit gives every struggling believer both wisdom and comfort while in the depths:

1. *Let Israel Hope in the Lord.* This is Spiritual Israel whom God promised to save (Romans 9:6-9; Psalm 130:7). You who believe are to hope because you are the chosen elect sons of God. Therefore, no matter our state, stage, or circumstance let us Hope in the LORD.

2. The reason for our hope is because *“with Him is Mercy and Plenteous redemption.”* Remember the Lord is *“very pitiful and of tender mercy.”* The Father saw us a far off in our sins and from eternity was full of compassion to put us in Christ. The Son was full of mercy and accomplished our redemption. The Spirit in mercy came to fulfill the purpose of God by applying the redemption of Christ to us. God being full of mercy continually forgives and pardons all our sins (Psalm 86:5;15; 1 John 1:8-10).

3. A gracious promise is given *that the LORD shall redeem all Israel from All his iniquities.* Here is the comfort of the church in every age that our gospel will be victorious, and God will call ALL those Christ redeemed (Hebrews 10:12-14; John 6:37-40).

Therefore no matter the darkness of our providence or the state in which we find ourselves in this world, let us hope in the Lord! Hope in his mercy and the plenteous redemption of Christ. For God shall save his people and *none* shall be lost.