

Our Living Hope

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1 Kings 19:4-5 (ESV) “But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, ‘It is enough now O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers...’”

Psalms 88:14-18 (ESV) “O Lord why do you cast my soul away? Why do you hide your face from me? Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am helpless. Your wrath has swept over me; your dreadful assaults destroy me. They surround me like a flood all day long; they close in on me together. You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me; my companions have become darkness...”

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV) “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...”

I. His unchanging character.

Philippians 1:6 (ESV) “He that began a good work in you will bring it to completion...”

II. He has a plan.

Romans 8:28 (ESV) “And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”

III. He is always with us.

Matthew 28:20 (ESV) “And behold I Am with you always, even to the end of the age...”

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV) “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts...”