

Study Guide

Leviticus | Hope

1. Isaiah 40:31a says, “*but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.*” A definition of hope could be: ...confident expectation that finds strength in the character of God. Discuss.
2. If faith (vs. unbelief) is more of a rational, cognitive choice (often based on reading about God in Scripture- Rom. 10:17), then hope (vs. despair) is more like an emotional reservoir that gives me the strength to handle life’s setbacks. Share some of your own examples of this concept.
3. Read Leviticus 24:1-9. Discuss the concept that “beaten olives” and “ground flour” being brought by the people represents our sufferings. Discuss olive oil (the Holy Spirit) being released to produce light, and bread being produced that gives life. How might the “crushing” experiences in our lives produce light and life in us? How can that give us hope?
4. According to Leviticus 24:17-25:55 God instituted laws to protect people from exploiting each other and causing despair. Discuss these laws and how they help preserve our dignity.
 - An eye for an eye (Lev. 24:17-23)- keeps people from destroying each other
 - The Sabbath Year (Lev. 25:1-7)- keeps people from letting greed take over
 - The Year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:8-55)- keeps people from exploiting each otherWhat do these laws say about God? How do these God-given laws give people hope?
5. Read Luke 4:18-19. Discuss how the year of Jubilee (“*the Year of the Lord’s favor*”) pointed to the coming of Christ. How does trusting the promises of God (the coming of Messiah, for example) give us hope in the character of God?
Share any final thoughts about hope: confident expectation that finds strength in the character of God.

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What is hope?

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Isa. 40:31 "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength..."

Biblical Hope- **confident expectation** that finds **strength** in the **character of God**.

Faith and Hope- What is the difference?

Faith (vs. Unbelief)- the rational result of choice. Faith is fueled by God's word.

Hope (vs. Despair)- the emotional result of faith.

A. Symbols of Hope

1. The Lampstand- Light Lev. 24:1-4 Pic of Lampstand with the passage?

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil from beaten olives for the lamp, **that a light may be kept burning regularly**. Outside the veil of the testimony, in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall arrange it from evening to morning before the Lord regularly. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations. He shall arrange the lamps on the lampstand of pure gold before the Lord regularly.

Pic of Lampstand with the passage?

Light- Jesus, "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Pic of Lampstand with the passage?

"The Lord is faithful in all his words, and kind in all his works." Psalm 145:13b

2. Table of Showbread- Life (Lev. 24:5-9) pic of showbread with passage?

"You shall take fine flour and bake twelve loaves from it; two tenths of an ephah shall be in each loaf. And you shall set them in two piles, six in a pile, on the table of pure gold before the Lord. And you shall put pure frankincense on each pile, that it may go with the bread as a memorial portion as a food offering to the Lord. Every Sabbath day Aaron shall arrange it before the Lord regularly; it is from the people of Israel as a covenant forever. And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place, since it is for him a most holy portion out of the Lord's food offerings, a perpetual due."

pic of showbread with passage?

John 6:51- **I am the living bread...if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.**

pic of showbread with passage?

Hope- My **confident expectation** that finds **strength** in the **character of God**.

B. Hope Involves Perspective (Lev. 24:10-16)

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Hope- **Confident expectation that finds strength in the character of God.**

C. Hope Based in God's Character (Lev. 24:17-25:55)

1. An eye for an eye- Lev. 24:17-23

Lev. 14:20 "...whatever injury he has given a person shall be given to him..."

2. The Sabbath Year- Lev. 25:1-7

Exodus 23:10-11

"For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield, "but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the field may eat. You shall do likewise with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.

3. The Year of Jubilee- Lev. 25:8-55

Lev. 25:23-24

"The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you are strangers and sojourners with me. "And in all the country you possess, you shall allow a redemption of the land.

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NT- Jubilee

Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Hope- **Confident expectation that finds its strength in the character of God.**