

Habakkuk # 25 “Hope for the U.S.” *Habakkuk 3:1-2*

**The USA was founded on Judeo-Christian principles which made us unique and our continuation and success are a result of humbly adhering to these principles.**

But as is the case with all nations made up of individuals with sin natures; our nation became guilty of arrogance and God’s warning signals are now all around us.

**If God does not promote us, we’re not promoted and God promotes men and women of biblical truth.**

God promotes humble grace-oriented people and promotion is a matter of biblical indoctrination which leads to spiritual maturity.

*Promotion is also a matter of glorifying God by executing His plan, His way and promoted believers are the invisible heroes that preserve the nation.*

**We have a biblical hope that actually causes us to look forward to dying and death because we know that God provided dying grace for those who go through the door of death armed with absolute confidence in His gracious provision.**

We’ve learned that God decides the time, manner and place of our death and at the moment of our death we enter and remain in a place of no more sorrow, no more tears or pain and we’ll stay there in the presence of God forever!

*In our thinking, we look forward to the fantastic future that we have awaiting us and bring those pleasant thoughts back into the present time with great strength and power to overcome all our pressing problems.*

**Hope is the assurance that at the moment of salvation, we have eternal life.**

This is permanent and absolute, so the basis for our hope is the fact we have eternal life.

*The absolute solutions to all our problems belong to God and understanding these absolutes depends on hope in our soul.*

And confident expectation includes assurance of our eternal security, understanding of dying grace and the reality of our resurrection.

**If we’re going forward, we go forward on God’s agenda and if we’re looking backward, we look backward on our own agenda with the arrogance of self-justification, lying to self in self-deception and having pity for self in self-absorption.**

This becomes the base of operation for a miserable life.

*Post-salvation hope combines the confident expectation of eternal life and its blessings into the absolute expectation of eternal life and its blessings.*