

Advent

A Season of Hope





**How to endure in hope
when there is no
apparent reason
for hope.**



The hopelessness of Israel's situation



**if you will not take it to heart to give
honor to my name, says the LORD of
hosts, then I will send the curse upon
you and I will curse your blessings.
Indeed, I have already cursed them,
because you do not lay it to heart.**

Malachi 2:2



**Zechariya (*the Lord
remembers*) & Elisheva
(*oath of God*)**

Luke 1



Zacharia's Benedictus

Luke 1:67-78



**He promised by His
holy prophets**



**He promised mercy to
our fathers**



**He keeps His
covenants/promises**



He swore an oath



All because He is
tender and merciful.



**He has redeemed His
people by sending
the Son of David**



**Three primary
hazards to hope.**



1. The wrong focus



**My hope is in the Lord
Who gave Himself for me
And paid the price
Of all my sin at Calvary.**



**And now for me He stands
Before the Father's throne
He shows His wounded hands
And names me as His own**



2. Lack of knowledge of our Covenant-Keeping God



**Understanding His
promises, and
understanding His
character**



3. Time



4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Rom. 15:4



**we also glory in our sufferings
because we know that suffering
produces perseverance;
perseverance, character; and
character, hope. Rom. 5:3-4**



**1⁸For I consider that the sufferings
of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory that
is to be revealed to us.**

Romans 8:18



**An indispensable source
of hope in suffering:**



**An indispensable source
of hope in suffering:
Fellowship in Christ**



“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

1 Thess. 5:11

