

HOPE KEEPS US GOING.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Text: **Romans 8:18-25**.

B. Regarding the text:

1. **Chapter 8** emphasizes freedom from condemnation.
 - 1) **Verses 1-11** – We are freed from condemnation.
 - 2) **Verses 12-17** – We have a debt to pay.
 - 3) **Verses 18-25** – Hope keeps us going.
2. Our lesson:
 - 1) Whatever we endure in this life is worth it all.
 - 2) God has promised. Thus, HOPE is an assured, confident expectation.

C. **Vs. 17**: We are told of the suffering here and the glories of Heaven.

DISCUSSION: IN THIS LESSON WE OBSERVE...

I. SUFFERING FOR CHRIST BRINGS REWARDS (18-23).

A. **Verse 18**:

1. This world is not my home... I'm just a passing through.
2. No price is too high to pay to win heaven (**Philippians 3:8**).
3. The saved suffer for the cause of Christ (**2 Timothy 2:11-12; 2 Corinthians 12:15**).
4. Heaven is a place of total delight (**Revelation 21:4**).

B. **Verses 19-23**:

1. **Verses 19-22**: Encouragement to endure persecutions.
 - 1) **Vs. 19-21**: "The creature" is God's spiritual creation (**2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:15**).
 - 2) **Vs. 22**: "Whole creation" refers to all mankind (**Col. 2:21**).
2. **Verse 23**:
 - 1) "They" the world; the whole creation.
 - 2) "Ourselves" Christians who have "the firstfruits of the Spirit."
 - 3) We may suffer here but there is a day of redemption (**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; Psalm 49:15**).

II. OUR HOPE SUSTAINS US (24-25).

A. **Vs. 24**: Saved by hope.

1. **HOPE** = Hope is *earnest expectation*. Translated as faith in **Hebrews 10:23**.
 - 1) Hope is the expectation of a future blessing.
 - 2) **Heb. 11:1**: "Substance" is comprised of two words: "**sub**" which means under, and "**stance**," which means to stand, thus giving the meaning "to stand under, to support."
2. The faithful have a sure place to stand (*Standing On The Promises of God*).

B. **Vs. 25**:

1. If there is no expectation, nothing to look forward to, then there is no hope.
 - 1) **Hebrews 6:18-19**.
 - 2) **2 Corinthians 5:1**.
2. This hope moves us to faithfulness (**Hebrews 10:36**).

III. CONCLUSION:

A. By faith Moses had hope (**Hebrews 11:27**).

B. We can also have a steadfast and sure hope (**1 John 3:3**).