



Hope and Perseverance

"For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." -Romans 5:4

Did you grow up hearing the stories of the Old Testament? Stories like Moses and the burning bush, Joshua and the battle of Jericho, the parting of the Red Sea? When was the last time you read those stories or thought about them? Sometimes we leave the Old Testament behind and focus on the Gospel in the New Testament, but there are so many treasures in the Old Testament. When we see God's amazing faithfulness to His people, it gives us hope to face our own trials. We can persevere in hope because we see example after example of God's rescuing power and love.

"Now the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out with your hand toward the sky, so that hail may fall on all the land of Egypt, on every person and animal, and on every plant of the field, throughout the land of Egypt." So Moses reached out with his staff toward the sky, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire flashing intermittently in the midst of the hail, which was very heavy, such as had not occurred in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation." - Exodus 9:22-24

"And Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you departed from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand the Lord brought you out from this place." -Exodus 13:3

"The Lord your God, who goes before you, will Himself fight for you, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, on all of the road which you have walked until you came to this place."- Deuteronomy 1:30-31



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