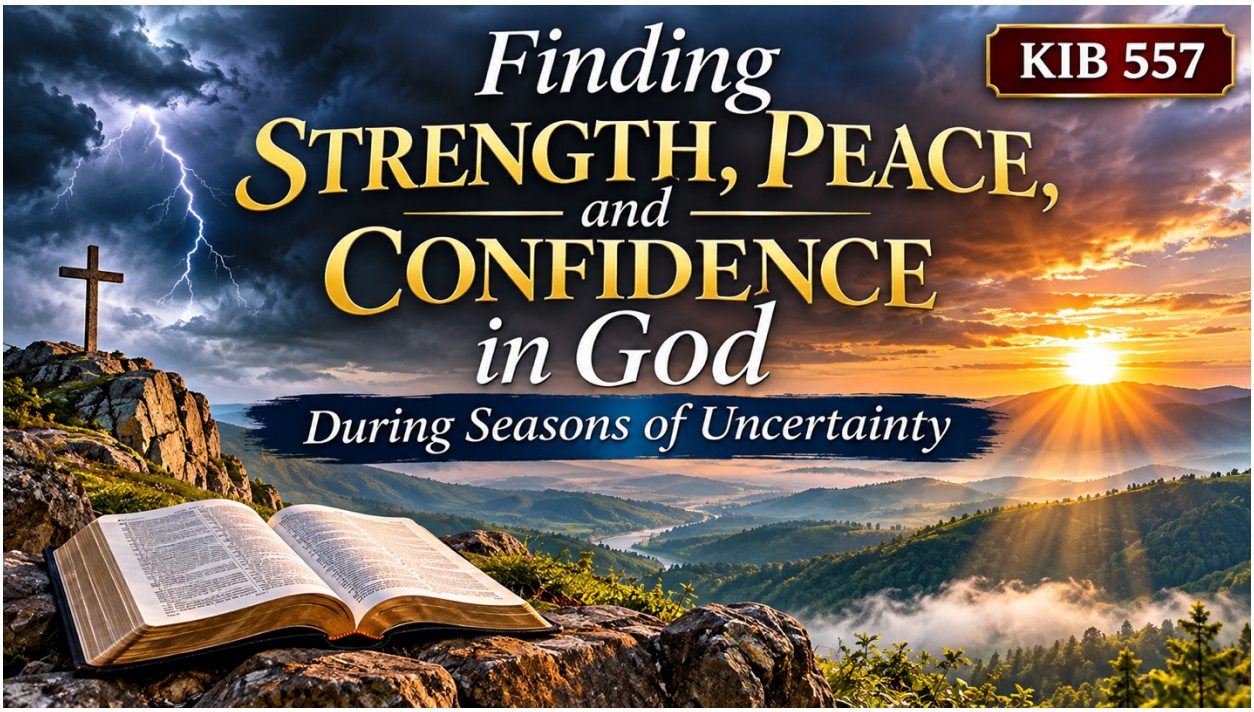
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Introduction

It is easy to fixate on circumstances, political turmoil, and financial uncertainty. It is time for the Remnant to refocus on God's Word and God's Kingdom. Here are verses that we need to meditate on to strengthen ourselves in the Lord and to refocus on the Kingdom.

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1. God Is Our Refuge in Times of Trouble

Psalm 46:1–3 (ESV)
1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, **3** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*

Nahum 1:7 (ESV)
7 The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.

Psalm 91:1–2 (ESV)
1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. **2** I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 9:9–10 (ESV)
9 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **10** And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Teaching Principle: Our security is not in the stability of the world around us but in God's unchanging nature.

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2. God Promises His Presence During Difficult Times

Isaiah 43:1–2 (ESV)
1 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (ESV)
6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

Psalm 23:4 (ESV)
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Teaching Principle: God's promise is not that we will avoid every valley, but that we will never have to walk through it without Him.

3. Hope When the World Is Filled With Fear

John 16:33 (ESV)
33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)
10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)
7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Psalm 112:6–8 (ESV)
6 For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. **7** He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. **8** His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

Teaching Principle: Biblical courage is not the absence of danger. It is the ability to stand faithfully because our confidence rests in God.

4. Hope Through God's Faithfulness and Mercy

Lamentations 3:21–26 (ESV)
21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: **22** The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; **23** they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. **24** "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." **25** The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. **26** It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

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Romans 15:13 (ESV)
13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Hebrews 10:23 (ESV)
23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Teaching Principle: Hope is strengthened when believers remember what God has already revealed about Himself rather than allowing present circumstances to define their expectations.

5. Hope That Produces Endurance

Romans 5:3–5 (ESV)
3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

James 1:2–4 (ESV)
2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. **4** And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (ESV)
16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. **17** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight

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of glory beyond all comparison, **18** as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Teaching Principle: God can use seasons of adversity to develop spiritual endurance, mature our faith, and prepare us for greater responsibility in His Kingdom.

6. Hope Through Prayer and Waiting Upon God

Isaiah 40:28–31 (ESV)
28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. **29** He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. **30** Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; **31** but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Philippians 4:6–7 (ESV)
6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Psalm 27:13–14 (ESV)
13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! **14** Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Teaching Principle: Waiting upon God is not spiritual inactivity. It expresses trust, dependence, prayer, and faithful obedience.

7. Our Ultimate Hope Is in the Victory of Jesus Christ

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Titus 2:11–13 (ESV)
11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **12** training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **13** waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Revelation 21:3–5 (ESV)
3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. **4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." **5** And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

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Teaching Principle: Christian hope extends beyond deliverance from present circumstances. Its ultimate fulfillment is found in the return of Jesus Christ, the resurrection, and the restoration of all things.

Five Foundational Scriptures for a Teaching on Hope

- Psalm 46:1–3 — Our Refuge: God remains our security when everything around us is shaken.
- Isaiah 43:1–2 — His Presence: God accompanies His people through the fire and the flood.
- Lamentations 3:21–26 — His Faithfulness: Remembering God's mercy restores hope even in devastation.
- Romans 15:13 — The Holy Spirit: Biblical hope is sustained through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Hebrews 6:17–20 — Our Anchor: God's unchanging promise and oath provide a sure and steadfast anchor for the soul, with Jesus as our forerunner.

A Central Biblical Truth

One of the most important distinctions we must remember is that biblical hope does not depend on circumstances improving. **It depends on God's faithfulness.**

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