

## A Good Reason to Hope

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### Introduction:

1. Reason
2. Hope

**Main Points: We can rest assured in the promises of God because we know that:**

1. Faith requires **Endurance**
  - a. Hope is developed through patience
  - b. God's concept of time is different than ours
    - i. God is not slow in keeping his **promises** - 2Peter 3.9
    - ii. Habakkuk 2.3; Psalm 27.14
  - c. We can wait (what gives us the strength, courage and ability to wait) patiently for the Lord because (is that) we know that he is good to his word
2. Our Hope is **Established** in God
  - a. God's promises are founded on his character and will, not ours
  - b. God swears by himself because there is no one **greater**
    - i. God cannot lie - Numbers 23.19; Titus 1.2
    - ii. God does not change -Malachi 3.6; James 1.17
  - c. Don't depend on your natural abilities for your salvation; trust in God's supernatural capacities.

### 3. The Promises are **Eternal**

- a. Jesus' role and reign is eternal
- b. The lamps in the Tabernacle were to be lit continually, but not **permanently** whereas in Revelation, the Bible says "I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp." (Revelation 21.22-23)
- c. Jesus' work on the cross is complete - in totality and sufficiency and eternally

### Conclusion

Our hope for eternal security is based on the call to endure trials, testing and tribulation because the promises made to us by God are established in His character and have eternal implications.