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Living by Proper Hopes (Finding Hope Again)

Introduction:

- I. Understanding Proper Hope.
 - a. Batach
 - 1. Psalm 21:7

Hope can be no more stable than the trustworthiness, reliability or the object.

- 2. Psalm 28:7-9
- 3. Isaiah 26:3
- 4. Benefits from the life of Batach (Proverbs 1:33; 3:5, Ps. 16:8-9)
- b. Qawah
 - 1. Psalm 62:5-8
 - 2. Psalm 27:14 (cf. Isaiah 8:17)
 - 3. Isaiah 40:31
 - c. Elpis
 - 1. 1 Thessalonians 1:3
 - 2. Romans 15:4 (cf. Psalm 119:81, 114)
 - 3. Romans 15:3

- II. Warning About False Hopes.
 - a. What they are- for instance list (military strength, political power, people, money).
 - 1. Psalm 118:8
 - 2. Psalm 52:7
 - b. What they represent: false hopes = false religions.
- III. Finding Hope Again.
 - a. Be weaning yourself from false hopes.
 - b. Dwell on and choose to believe the promises.
 - c. Let your gaze break through to eternity.
 - d. Persevere-fight for this, your joy depends on it.
 - e. Rest in/believe the sovereignty of God.