



The Reason for Hope

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Ezekiel 47.1–12; John 7.37–39; Revelation 22.1–5

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Notes:

1. God's life-giving power is limitless (the prophecy, with near and ultimate fulfillments)

2. The underlying theology

3. Remember the power of God, the One who guarantees your destiny



Here is your “One Thing” for this week: Daily, remember “God’s power guarantees my destiny” by posting this note in a prominent place that you will see every day.

Weekday Application Questions

I. EQUIP — Looking back over the passages, what was new, caught your attention, encouraged you, challenged you, or confused you? The writer of the Book of Hebrews referred to the certain hope of our salvation as the anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6.19) that brings us close to God (Hebrews 7.19). Why does our hope in God falter, and our anchor fail to hold us steady, during the storms of life?

II. ENGAGE — What difference does hope make in your life? What difference should it make? What will you do this week to align the “does” with the “should”? What are some practical ways that you can live out the reality of having “rivers of living water” flow out from you to others around you? A Christian friend has been praying to God about a desperate need. How would you encourage him or her with hope?

III. EXALT — Imagine your final destiny, life in the New Heavens and New Earth. What will be the best part(s) of being there? Explain. Knowing that God’s life-giving power guarantees your destiny, how does that lead you to worship Him?