

THE ONE WHO HOLDS THE PILLARS

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Psalm 75:3 – When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady its pillars.

➤ **Introduction**

- View of this Psalm from a historical, national point of view for Israel but also from a Messianic view of the person of Christ
 - The reference to the pillars or foundations of the earth is meaningful from two perspectives
 - The Lord upholds the _____ where his people live
 - The Lord upholds the _____ order of this world.
- The same message of the person of Christ is seen in the NT in Hebrews 1:3
 - He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

➤ **Examples of the world quaking in people's lives from Scripture**

- _____ → Exodus 14:11 – Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?
- _____ → Job 2:13 – And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.
- _____ → Acts 8:3 – But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.
- Newsflash...physical and metaphysical circumstances change constantly. But the assignment of holding the pillars of the earth steady _____ slips out of the Lord's grasp.

➤ **The role of hope in the believer's life**

- Faith is central to the life of the believer. It is how you attain life in Christ (Acts 16:31), and it is how you continue in sanctification (Col. 2:6). **By faith.**
- QUESTION → Do you have hope today, and if so, _____?
- It's important to note that in English the word, "hope" usually conveys some sense of _____.
 - But the OT and NT words for hope (normally the Hebrew, "batah" and the Greek, "elpizo") both convey confident expectation and assurance.

➤ **False hope**

- Proverbs 11:7 – When the wicked dies, his hope will perish, and the expectation of wealth perishes too.
 - Withdrawals are made from this false hope but they eventually lead to _____
 - False hope is really just flattery. It makes people think they are all right when they are all wrong
 - To realize there is false hope in your life, it requires looking at the _____

➤ **True hope**

- Isaiah 28:16 – therefore thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'
- There is no true hope other than the hope of Jesus Christ.
 - I Corinthians 3:11 – For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

- So as believers, God's Word tells us that our hope is a true hope because of _____ it is in.

CONCLUSION

- Salvation is found by faith alone in Christ alone. → John 5:24
- True hope for all of life is in the One who holds the pillars of the earth steady.
- Consider what Moses said to the Israelites as they quaked in front of the Red Sea with Pharaoh's army advancing behind them.
 - Exodus 14:13-14 – And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be _____."
- Though the Lord calls us to move and act in obedience in our daily lives, he also calls us to _____ in our hearts. He is holding the pillars of the earth steady. He does not need your help. He only calls you to _____.