

#TargetPractice: What is the difference between hope and a wish?

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Can you now answer the #TargetPractice?

- Today, the word hope seems to mean you want something (wish) to happen but don't expect it to. Kind of like flipping a coin. You can hope it is heads or tails but there is a good chance that it won't be.
- Hope in God is different. It is more like throwing a ball into the air. There is a law of physics that says that if I throw it up, it will come down. What is that law?
 - I can have hope that the ball will come down because of gravity once I throw it in the air. Even if it gets stuck on something, once the obstacle is out of the way, I can trust it will fall.

When we have hope in God, we can trust that He will keep His promises. He always has. Sometimes we don't know when or how it will happen. That is where hope comes in.

The people of Israel had been promised a Messiah would come to save their people and restore their relationship with God. Even when things were hard and they were kicked out of their land, they had hope that it would be set right.

We have a promise that Jesus is coming back to Earth to set things right for good. Just like before Jesus was born, we don't know how or when it will happen. But we have hope that He will do what He said He will do.

I wait patiently for God to save me.

Only he gives me hope.

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He is my rock, who saves me.

He protects me like a strong, walled city.

I will not be defeated. Psalm 62:5-6 (ICB)

Thank you God

For sending us your Son.

Thank you for keeping your promises

And giving us hope for a better world with

No sin or suffering.

Amen