Hope in the Promise of Jesus' Second Coming

Hope is a bit like a three-year-old who, at the end of a long and discouraging day, is granted a toy. It is a rare gift. Few of us would probably live long if we were allowed to have our hope for everything we desire. But hope is a gift that keeps on giving. It springs from the well of God's promises. When we are in doubt about our present circumstances, God invites us to remember that hope is the nature of the gospel. He points us upward and looks to our eternal destiny. His invitation is: "Ask ye the Lord your God after I enjoin you: shall I bring you into a land of burnt Offerings and sacrifices, or shall I bring you into a land of corn and wine and oil; shall I not also give you meat in abundance, and the loaves of fat ones shall not be wanting in your land?" (Deut. 30:19, KJV). Hope is the nature of the gospel.

This quarter, we will look at Deutero-Ezekiel (ch. 36) and Deuteronomy (ch. 30). The Bible shows us that our present life is a consequence of our personal choices. God is the God of the redemptive promise. The New Testament is built on the promise of the Gospel, and the Word of God is the promise of eternal life. The promise of the gospel is that God will give us a new heart and a new spirit. We are called to live as God's children, to be a light in the midst of a dark world.

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