I. The Secular View of Hope and the Spiritual View of Hope are in direct conflict.

 A. “Hope springs eternal in the human breast.” A. Pope, *An Essay on Man,* 1732

 1. People will keep on hoping, no matter what the odds; e.g. Lottery tickets

 B. A good teacher inspires hope in his/her students.

 1. This d deals primarily with human achievement, “You can do anything…”

 C. “I find hope in the darkest of days, and focus in the brightest. I do not judge the universe.” *Dalai Lama*

 D. “Hope is the most [evil](https://www.psychologytoday.com/basics/ethics-and-morality) of evils because it prolongs man's torment.” *F. Neitzsche*

 E. “I’m sure it’ll all turn out for the best.” *Most Folks*

 F. The difference in optimism and hope is an important distinction.

 1. The opposite of hope is disappointment.

 A. “It didn’t turn out as we’d hoped.”

II. The Sacred View of Hope is not built on a different foundation than that of secular hope.

 A. The New Testament pulls together the sacred concepts of hope.

 1. 1 Peter 1:3-9, 15, “…a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ…”

 A. Note, Peter was a man who’d lost hope.

 2, Romans 4:18, “Against all hope, Abraham believed…”

 3. Romans 8:24, “…for in this hope we are saved…” saving hope

 4. Romans 15:4, “…encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.”

 5. 1 John 3:3, “Everyone who has this hope purifies himself…” (application)

 6. Colossians 1:5, “…hope that is stored up for you in heaven.”

 7. Titus 2:13, “…we wait for this blessed hope…”

 8. Hebrews 6:18,19, “…this hope as an anchor for the soul…”

 B. Spiritual hope is not built on the human spirit, rather upon the character of God.

 1. Matthew 24:35, “Heaven and earth will pass away…”

 A. Isaiah 34:4; 51:6

III. Isaiah 60:1 is the call of Spiritual Hope, “Arise, shine, for your light is come…”

 A. The message of Spiritual Hope is “Good news.”

 1. Isaiah 61 is the text for Jesus’ sermon on Nazareth Synagogue

**My Hope Is Built**

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| 1. My hope is built on nothing lessThan Jesus' blood and righteousness;I dare not trust the sweetest frame,But wholly lean on Jesus' name.On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;All other ground is sinking sand. 2. When darkness veils His lovely face,I rest on His unchanging grace;In every high and stormy galeMy anchor holds within the veil.On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;All other ground is sinking sand. | 3. His oath, His covenant, and bloodSupport me in the whelming flood;When every earthly prop gives way,He then is all my Hope and Stay.On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;All other ground is sinking sand.4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,Oh, may I then in Him be found,Clothed in His righteousness alone,Faultless to stand before the throne!On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;All other ground is sinking sand. |