



Shofar Christian Church

# (THE YEAR OF) THE GOOD OR THE BEST -II

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*“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”*

*Isaiah 43:18–19, ESV*



Exchange hope for the  
ultimate Hope!

*“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a  
desire fulfilled is a tree of life”*

*Proverbs 13:12, ESV*

*“The critical question for our generation-and for every generation-is this: If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no*

*human conflict or any natural disasters,  
could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ  
were not there? ”*

*- John Piper*

*Our biggest problem is that we don't understand our worth - We sell ourselves short- Sex outside marriage, drugs, pursuing worldly wealth etc. God has much more planned!*

*-Derek Prince*

*“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.”*

*Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.”*

*Isaiah 55:1–3, NIV*



*Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to  
enjoy him forever!*

*- Westminster Catechism*

a) Hope during His purposes

*““For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”*

*Romans 15:4, ESV*

*“When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss.*



*But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail*

*with you.’ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.”*

*Acts 27:20–25, NIV*

## b) Major False Hopes

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the Lord our  
God. They collapse and fall,  
but we rise and stand upright*

*Psalm 20:7–8, ESV*

*The name of the Lord is a fortified tower;  
the righteous run to it and are safe. The  
wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they  
imagine it a wall too high to scale.”*

*Proverbs 18:10–11, NIV*

## c) Encouragement for Hope

*The “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”*

*Proverbs 18:10–11, NIV*



## d) Final word on Hope

*The ““For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.”*

*1 Corinthians 15:16–19, ESV*





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