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PENTECOST OFFERS

Dear DPM supporter,

As the restrictions are lifted and life begins to gain some form of normality, now it's time to thank God for being the ultimate source of our hope and strength during a difficult season of our lives.

To enable you to do this we have compiled a selection of inspiring Bible teaching insights and resources from Derek Prince which can help you draw closer to God during this new season.

If you need to discover what confident, steadfast hope in God looks like, you can explore five aspects of hope outlined in the short article on page 3.

As Pentecost approaches you might want to delve into an interesting article on the person of the Holy Spirit and the magnificent role He can play in your life (see pages 6-8). And, if you are looking for encouragement on how to overcome life's challenges, check out our special offers on page 10.

For examples of God at work through our outreaches turn to pages 4 -5 to read the amazing stories made possible by your generosity and your prayers.

My hope and prayer is that as you engage with Derek's compelling and inspirational Bible teaching you will experience God's peace, hope and fulfilment in every area of your life.

May God bless you and the Holy Spirit guide you,

Neil Cornick
UK Director



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Our mission is to make Derek Prince's Bible teaching available to spiritually hungry Christians through books, audio-visual resources, digital media and websites in over 100 languages - especially in countries where there is persecution and poverty.

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STEADFAST HOPE FOR TROUBLED TIMES

*Hope is a serene, confident expectation of good.
Isn't that the kind of hope we all want and need?
How do we get this kind of confident hope?*

By Derek Prince



The source of all hope is the love of God. Paul affirms this truth in 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 when he says, “Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.” (NASB)

When you meditate on the profundity of this verse, five important aspects emerge.

The first aspect is that the source of hope is God's love. God loved us, and therefore He gave us “eternal comfort and good hope by grace.” You see, the ultimate power behind the universe is the love of God. God is a Father, and when we know God as our Father, we have this kind of hope – it is a gift of His love. It proceeds from a confidence in His unwavering love and faithfulness.

Second, God's hope comes to us through Jesus Christ. We know this because Paul mentions not only God our Father, but “our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.” Jesus is the only channel through whom love from God and hope from God can come into our lives.

The third feature of this hope is that it is a gift. But how do we

receive it? By grace. Paul says God gave us “eternal comfort and good hope by grace.” Please remember that grace cannot be earned.

Anything that can be earned is not grace. The gifts and blessings that come by grace can only be received by faith. Therefore, you need to receive this hope. You simply cannot try to earn it.

It does not come by trying to work out whether you are good enough. Nor does it come by trying to reason within yourself to find some rational basis why you ought to be hopeful. Hope can only be received as a gift of God's love – given by His grace.

Fourth, together with that phrase, “good hope,” Paul says God has given us “eternal comfort.” With hope there comes a comfort that goes beyond time. Our expectations, our anticipations, our satisfactions are not limited to this brief span of time. They possess an eternal quality. That word, “eternal,” is such a rich word, such a vast word.

Eternal hope lifts us out of the confinement of this prison of time and puts us onto a different level – an eternal plane of living. We are no longer slaves of time; we have been liberated by the gift of hope – given to us through God's grace.

Finally, hope makes us strong for holy living. After Paul has spoken about the eternal comfort and the good hope, he says that God will “comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good word and work.”

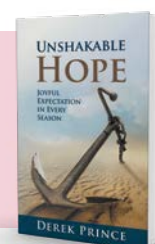
Let's be honest: hopeless people are weak people. They don't have any real motivation. When the going gets tough, they have nothing to make them hang in there. Their hands fall slack, they shrug their shoulders, and say, “Well, I suppose it's no use.”

But people who have this kind of eternal hope we are talking about have strength and resolve. In times of hardship and trouble, those people endure. They hold fast. God strengthens their hearts through eternal hope.

Taken from *Unshakable Hope* by Derek Prince

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CHINA

You are enabling us to disciple more Christians through digital channels

Thanks to your generosity and prayers our outreach team is engaging with tens of thousands of Christians in China through our websites and our WeChat app. This includes even unbelievers from all kinds of backgrounds who are seeking the truth. For example, just within a two-week period, over 32,000 people accessed Derek's Chinese materials online.

This testimony from a Chinese brother shows how Derek's teaching is impacting lives: *"I'm longing for the Holy Spirit to guide me to live in truth and study more biblical teachings, to live a life that will glorify God and be of benefit to others. Derek's books have helped me so much to achieve this. May God bless your ministry and, through it, equip more and more of His disciples in China."*



SOUTH AFRICA

How John unlocked the power of God's Word in his father's life

John listened to Derek's teaching on deliverance where he spoke about the spirit of death. John's father was dying, so he visited him and had some time to pray over him and take authority over the spirit of death.

The next morning, his father was sitting in a chair asking to be shaved. He could not even move the day before or speak because he was so weak. The following day, he shaved himself and he lived for another three years!

John said Derek's teaching saved his father from being taken prematurely. He has great respect and admiration for Derek's teaching as he knows it is rooted in Scripture and can unlock the power of God's life-giving Word.



INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

Derek's teaching is a great revelation to pastors like Sudar

Pastor Sudar from Andhra Pradesh, India emailed us to say: *"Recently I read Derek Prince's book, They Shall Expel Demons. It threw so much light on the operation of the kingdom of darkness and deliverance. And Derek's message on Blessing or Curse: You Can Choose was a great revelation to me."*

If I had come across Derek's materials in the past, it would have made a greater impact on my life, and I would not have wasted years and lost precious ministry time. Thank you for blessing me."



How thanksgiving, praise, and worship changed Hajar's life

In Tabriz, an Iranian city, Hajar heard the Gospel two years ago from members of our DPM outreach team. They gave Hajar an SD card with Derek's teaching and continued to disciple her over time. Hajar read all books on the card, but there is one that stood out for her personally: **Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship**.

In this book, Derek Prince said: "Don't focus on your feelings. Don't look at your situation. Behold these eternal, unchanging aspects of God's nature and His fellowship with us. And you will thank God instantly."

"Life in Iran is not easy" – said Hajar. "I have problems in my family, problems at work, there is government control everywhere. We live in fear, without joy and hope. It seems impossible not to focus on bad things in my life."

Then, she read these words in Derek's book: "Both thanksgiving and praise have an important psychological effect on the believer. If we come to God with big requests that seem difficult, the more we thank God for what He has already done, the easier it is for us to believe Him that He will fulfil our new requests. But if we do not come with gratitude, we will not have the psychological strengthening of our faith."

Hajar accepted this advice and started practising gratitude rather than complaining. Since then gratitude and praise have made such a difference to her life!

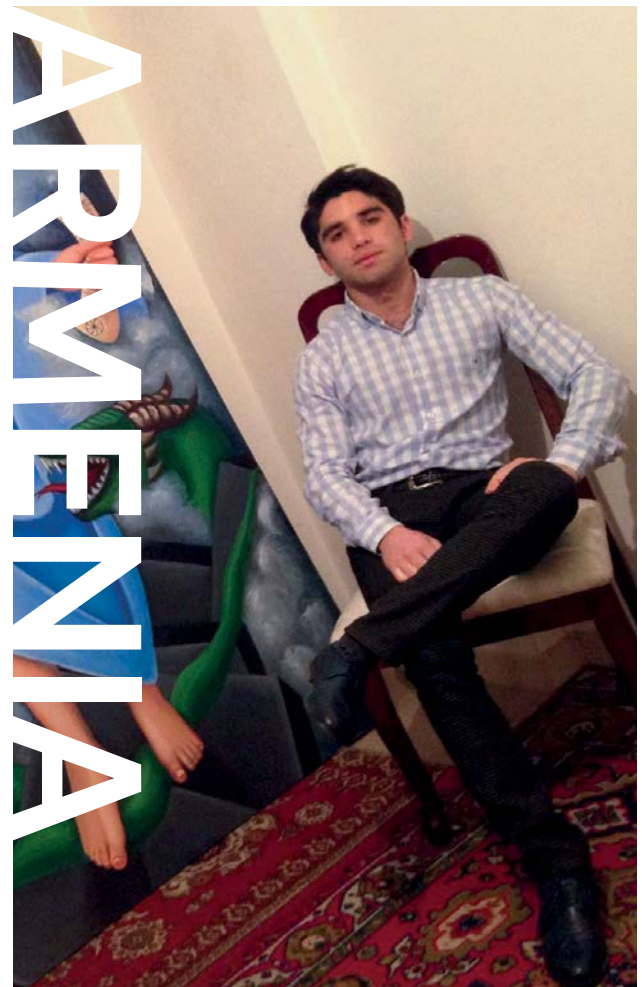
Your generosity led Arman to Jesus

Arman is a young artist in Armenia who recently had a close brush with death because of kidney failure. When he was struggling with pain, one of our DPM volunteers gave him a copy of *The Divine Exchange* by Derek Prince.

Derek's teaching about Jesus' death and resurrection touched Arman's heart and led him to Christ. As a newly born believer, he tells everyone about Jesus. And, best of all, he was baptised in the Holy Spirit as our workers prayed for him in his home.

As an artist, he poured out his love for God on a set of new paintings that he exhibited at a local gallery. Recently, following in the footsteps of supporters like you, Arman gave a large donation that enabled our team to print 5,000 copies of **The Divine Exchange** by Derek Prince in Armenian and distribute them locally.

Now, Arman's dream is to make Derek's teaching on salvation, prayer, and spiritual warfare widely available to many young people in Armenia and elsewhere in the region.



THE HOLY SPIRIT: ETERNAL, OMNISCIENT, OMNIPRESENT

In this article Derek Prince looks at the third Person of the Godhead—the Holy Spirit. There are three profoundly significant adjectives that apply to the Holy Spirit: eternal, omniscient, omnipresent.



THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ETERNAL

At the close of one of the first Pentecostal services I attended, the preacher asked me, “Do you believe that you are a sinner?” At that time, I was a professional philosopher and had just completed my dissertation on “definitions” at Cambridge University.

I immediately ran over in my mind various possible definitions of a “sinner.” All of them applied to me exactly! So, I answered, “Yes, I believe I’m a sinner!”

The preacher then asked, “Do you believe that Christ died for your sins?” I thought this over and then replied, “To tell you the truth, I can’t see what the death of Jesus Christ all those centuries ago could have to do with the sins that I’ve committed in my lifetime.”

The preacher was wise enough not to argue with me, but I am sure he prayed for me! A few days later I had a powerful encounter with Jesus Christ, which changed the whole

course of my life. In particular, the Bible became a living, meaningful book.

Sometime later I was reading in Hebrews 9:14 that “Christ . . . through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God.” Suddenly I grasped the significance of the word “eternal.” Its meaning is broader than just something that lasts a long time. It denotes something which is above and beyond the limitations of time—something which comprehends simultaneously the past, the present and the future.

When Jesus offered Himself on the cross, His sacrifice was not limited to the time at which He died. It encompassed the sins of all men of all ages—past, present, and future. It included the sins that I was to commit centuries later.

The Greek adjective “eternal” has a fathomless depth of meaning. It is derived from the noun **aion**, from which we get the English word “aeon.” An **aion** is a measurement of time and occurs in a variety of expressions, as in the following literal translations:

Hebrews 7:24: “for the age” (NKJ “forever”)—that is, for the duration of the present age.

Jude 25: “from before every age, and now, and unto all the ages” (NKJ “both now and forever”).

Galatians 1:5: “unto the ages of the ages” (NKJ “forever and ever”).

It is obvious that the English translations do not even begin to convey the depth of the meaning of the Greek phrases. These expressions—and others like them—fill me with a sense of awe.

I feel like a drop of moisture suspended above a bottomless chasm that separates two mountains too high for me to climb. My mind cannot fully comprehend that there could be even one age made up of ages, much less that there are ages made up of such ages.

Yet the eternal Holy Spirit encompasses them all, stretching from the measureless past and on into the measureless future. I begin to apprehend in a new way the title under which God is endlessly worshiped in heaven: “Lord God Almighty, who [eternally] was and is and is to come!”



THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OMNISCIENT

Closely related to the eternal nature of the Holy Spirit is His omniscience. In 1 John 3:20 the apostle confronts us with a profound, yet simple revelation: God knows all things. There is nothing that God does not know. From the tiniest insect in the earth to the farthest star in space, there is nothing that God does not completely know.

God knows things about us that we do not know about ourselves. For instance, He knows the number of hairs on our heads. God knew the number of inhabitants in the city of Nineveh (Jonah 4:11). He knew—and controlled—the growth of the plant that shaded Jonah. He also knew—and controlled—the action of the worm that caused the plant to wither.

In 1 Corinthians 2:9–10 Paul speaks about the things which “eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man.” Then he continues, “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”

The Holy Spirit both plumbs the deepest depths and scales the highest heights of all that was, that is and that is to come. His knowledge is infinite.

It is in the light of this infinite knowledge that we must be prepared to give an account of ourselves to God. “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

The supernatural knowledge and wisdom of the Holy Spirit was manifested throughout the earthly ministry of Jesus, but never more than in His dealings with Judas Iscariot. When the disciples told Jesus, “We have come to believe and know that You are the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the living God,” Jesus gave them an answer which revealed that being the Messiah would entail being betrayed by one of His own followers: “Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?” He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.”

Jesus knew by the Holy Spirit that Judas would betray Him, even before Judas knew it himself. Even so, Judas could not carry out his plan until Jesus spoke a word that released him to do so. At the Last Supper Jesus warned His disciples, “One of you will betray Me.”

When questioned who it would be, Jesus replied, “It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.” And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot. Now after the piece of bread Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, “What you do, do quickly.” Having received the piece of bread, Judas went out quickly—to betray Jesus.

I am awed by the realisation that Judas could not carry out his plan to betray Jesus until Jesus Himself spoke the word that released him to do it. Throughout this whole scene, it was the Betrayed, not the betrayer, who was in control.

When we comprehend the completeness of God’s knowledge—and His foreknowledge—it gives us the assurance that no matter what happens, God is never taken by surprise. There is no such thing as an emergency in the kingdom of heaven. Not merely does God know the end from the beginning, He Himself is both the Beginning and the End. And He is always in total control.

God knows those whom He has chosen to be with Him in eternity. “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

If by the mercy and grace of God we make it through to that glorious, eternal destination, Jesus will never greet anyone with the words, “I never expected to see you here!” Rather, He will say, “My child, I’ve been waiting for you. We couldn’t sit down to the marriage feast until you came.”

At that glorious banquet, I believe, every place setting will carry the name of the person for whom it is prepared.

Until the number of the redeemed is complete, God waits with amazing patience, “not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OMNIPRESENT

When we say that God is omnipresent we mean that He is present everywhere at the same time. In Jeremiah 23:23–24 God affirms this:

*“Am I a God near at hand,” says the LORD,
“And not a God afar off?
Can anyone hide himself in secret places,
So I shall not see him?” says the LORD;
“Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.*

How can this be? We know that God is seated on His throne in heaven, with Jesus at His right hand. How then can He fill heaven and earth with His presence?

In Psalm 139:7–12 David supplies the answer. First, he asks: *“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?”*

This reveals that it is through His Spirit that God makes Himself present everywhere at the same time. Then David fills in the vivid details:

*“If I ascend into heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.
If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.
If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me.”
Even the night shall be light about me;
Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day;
The darkness and the light are both alike to You.”*

No matter where we may go, God is there by His Spirit—invisible, often imperceptible, but inescapable. For the unbeliever this may be a terrifying thought, but for the believer it is a comforting, strengthening assurance. No matter where we may find ourselves, “even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.”

In the New Testament Jesus Himself gives us this assurance: *“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”* At times we may not be conscious of His presence, but by His Holy Spirit He is there. Our surroundings may appear totally dark, but *“the darkness shall not hide from You ...”*

In the days ahead let us cultivate an inner sensitivity to the Holy Spirit that does not depend on the evidence of our physical senses. When our senses tell us nothing about His presence, or even when they seem to deny it, there should be an area in the inmost depths of our spirit that maintains an uninterrupted awareness of the Holy Spirit’s presence.

Then we shall more fully understand and see Him as our “Comforter” and “Helper.”

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He enlightens the eyes of my heart that
I may know the hope to which He has called me,
the riches of His glorious inheritance and His
incomparably great power. ⁵

God is able to do immeasurably more
than all I ask or imagine. ⁶

Through the Holy Spirit

I have received power from God
to be His witness, ⁷

to drive out demons, ⁸

and authority over all the power of the enemy. ⁹

I can do everything through Jesus Christ
who strengthens me. ¹⁰

If I have faith in Him,
I will do greater things than He has done. ¹¹

God, who lives in me,
is greater than the one who is in the world. ¹²

I live according to the law of the Spirit of Life, ¹³
and the joy of the Lord is my strength. ¹⁴

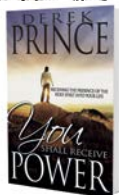
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How Derek's teaching has impacted your life

Ravi Dua is one of our supporters who got in touch recently to share with us how Derek's teaching has impacted his life. He coaches and mentors entrepreneurs globally (via Zoom). Ravi and his wife, who is a medical doctor and pastor, are regular listeners of Derek Prince's podcasts.

This is Ravi's story

"I grew up in a Hindu home and had a very successful career working both in the UK and the US, but in my 30s I started to wonder whether there really was a God. One day in 1997, I cried out to him, 'God, if you are really there, reveal yourself to me'.

Then I asked my wife if she had any books on faith, and she gave me Derek Prince's *The Spirit-Filled Believer's Handbook* [now titled *Foundational Truths for Christian Living*]. She told me to read the chapter on Faith and gave me some of his audio tapes.

I loved reading the book and found Derek's style of writing so easy to understand. This led me to hearing more and more of his audio tapes, especially the one titled *That I May Know Him*. A few months later, Jesus appeared to me on 1 October 1997 when I accepted Him as Lord.

My wife Lavanya and I have been greatly helped by the example Derek set in following his calling and our faith has been built up by reading his many books and hearing his teachings. This has enabled us to make the tough decisions to leave our then secure careers and move into areas where God was calling us. I shifted from the comfort of working for clients like Coca-Cola and Shell to being in business for myself and helping entrepreneurs become the big businesses of tomorrow. Lavanya left medicine to become a Mental Wellness coach and ordained pastor.

We have seen amazing miracles and great fruit.

An example of God's goodness, favour and grace was what I experienced in 2002. To support Israel's economy after 9/11, I, along with 400 other entrepreneurs from around the world, attended a business conference in Jerusalem.

I had always had a desire to meet Derek Prince. Towards the end of this conference, the organisers said they had a surprise speaker to address us. It was Derek Prince! He was brought in before his speaking slot and they sat him next to me! I was able to personally thank Derek and shake his hand, not too long before he passed away.

I love DPM's podcasts and listen to each one at least twice!

These teachings are still relevant for today. I am using Derek's material to help me do the will of God, flow in Faith and build His Kingdom, as I assist my clients in various industries and in different parts of the world in growing and expanding. Even in this last year they have all seen great increase and success despite the market dynamics.

For my part, I have experienced my best year yet of my 40 years in business, and it continues to grow. Thank you so much to you and your team for doing an amazing job to keep Derek's teachings and wisdom alive for the next generation."

If you would like to share your story of how Derek's teaching has impacted your life, drop us a line at: **mystory@dpmuk.org**.

We would love to hear from you!



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