

ESTHER A WOMAN'S CHOICE

THE STORY

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Chapter Twenty
Esther: A Woman of
Beauty and Courage



Esther, A Woman's Choice

Some Facts about Esther

The name of God is never mentioned in the book

There is no mention of prayer in the book

The book of Esther is never mentioned in the New Testament

It is one of two books in the Bible that bears the name of a woman

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The setting for the story is ancient Persia; it is the land that we know today as Iran

Esther was among those who refused to return to Jerusalem following the Babylonian Captivity that stayed in Babylon

Esther was an orphan Jew who was raised by her uncle Mordecai

Esther 4:12-15

¹² When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³ he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

Esther 4:13-15

¹⁵ Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai:

¹⁶ “Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”

Esther's Name

Esther's name means Star

Daniel 12:3

They shall be wise that shine as the brightness of the firmament and that they shall turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever

Jesus told us that we are the light of the world
God sovereignly rules and reigns on earth and in our lives

God's Invisible and Invincible Hand

You are where you are wherever you are in life
by the divine work of the Spirit of God

I Cor. 1:26-27

How that not many wise men after the flesh, not
many mighty, not many noble, are called:

²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the
world to confound the wise; and God hath
chosen the weak things of the world to confound
the things which are mighty;

The Impact of one man's life on the world: Edward Kimball

He led Dwight Moody to the Lord

Dwight Moody impacted the life of F. B. Meyer

F.B. Meyer impacted

the life of Wilbur Chapman

Wilbur Chapman impacted

the life of Billy Sunday

Billy Sunday impacted the life of Mordecai
Hamm

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Mordecai Hamm impacted a young lanky kid by
the name of Billy Graham



Practical Lessons from the life of Esther

God is deeply interested in our character not our appearance, our money or our talent

God is seeking people with Godly character to fulfill His purposes on earth

The way we develop our character is by consistently making choices to follow the will of God for our lives

Practical Lessons from the life of Esther

Character is the sum total of the decisions that we make in life

Esther made a choice to make the lives of others more valuable more important than her own

God specializes in using ordinary people to do extraordinary things to fulfill His purposes



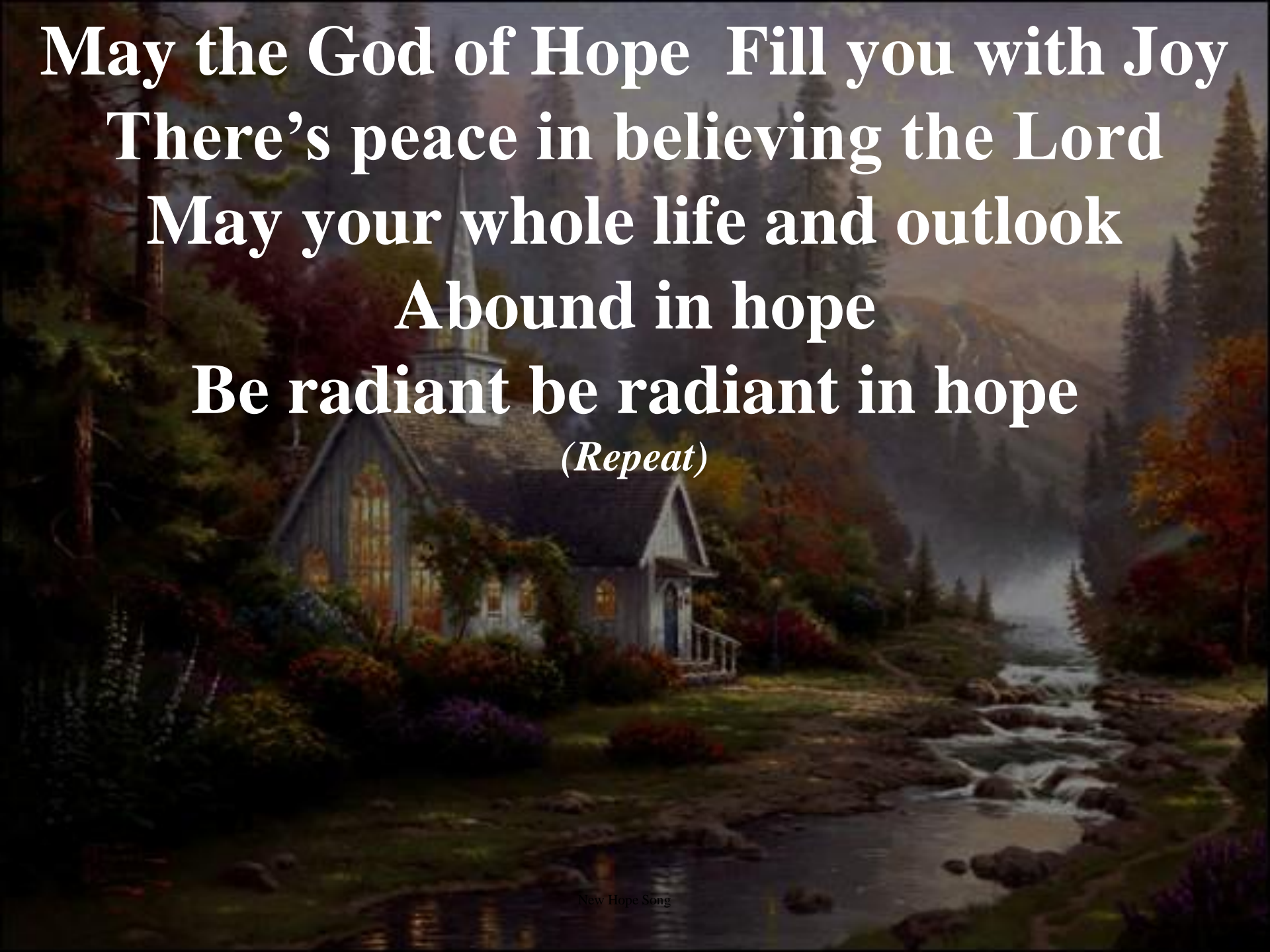
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(Romans 15:13)

**Now the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, that you may
abound in hope, through the power of the
Holy Spirit**





May the God of Hope Fill you with Joy
There's peace in believing the Lord
May your whole life and outlook
Abound in hope
Be radiant be radiant in hope

(Repeat)