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A confident expectation of what will happen

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What can you expect when your hope is in God?

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Proverbs 3:5,6- “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

What can convince you that this hope is real and true?

*It works

*It is all about the resurrection

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