Hope: The Anchor of God’s Promises

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A. A person doesn’t have to live very long before they encounter the _______ of life.
B. The storms of _______ and defeat, divorce and ____________ can come suddenly.
C. We find ourselves in the middle of this “perfect storm” of epic proportions, and what we need is an _______ - the anchor of _______ from God’s _______.
D. The present storm we face may be _______ to us, but this is nothing _______ to _______.
E. For thousands of years, God has been__________ his people through life’s storms.
F. In Acts 26:6, Paul said he was on trial “because of his _______ in what God ___________ to our ancestors.”
G. The one common denominator of all the “heroes” of the Bible is that they built their lives on the ____________ of _________.
H. One student of Scripture found a total of _______ promises of God in the Bible.
I. God’s promises are sure and unchangeable because of whom God is:
   1. God is ___________ (James 1:17).
   2. God is ___________ (Rom. 4:21).
   3. God is ___________ (Heb. 10:23).
   4. God is ___________ (Heb. 6:18; Titus 1:2).
J. The question is not: “Will God keep His promises?”, but “Will we _______ our _______ upon God’s promises?”
K. Max Lucado tells the story of his shaking _________.
   1. The doctor _______ him the tremor was nothing to _______ about.
   2. He had to decide whether to ponder the ____________ or remember the ____________.
   3. He could choose ____________, or he could choose ________. 
L. We live in a day of ___________ - and not just because of the coronavirus.
M. Secularism sucks the ________ out of society, because it reduces _______ to a few decades between birth and hearse.
N. The people of God have an ____________ over those who don’t believe, because we have the promises of God which give us _________.
O. The promises of God serve like a ____________ shelf of _________.
P. Jesus told a story about two __________ - both people heard God’s _______, but only one of them built his house upon God’s _______ (Mt. 7:24-27).
Q. Peter tells us that God’s promises are very _______ and are _________.
R. God tells us that His Word always produces _______ and always _______.

Answer Key:  A. storms.  B. disease, depression.  C. anchor, hope, promises.  D. new, new, God.  
P. builders, Word, Word.  Q. great, precious.  R. fruit, purposes.