

**Thursday, December 14**

**Scripture Reading:** Job 11:18

**Text for Today:** *And you will have confidence, because there is HOPE. You will be protected and take your rest in safety.*

Webster's Dictionary says: Hope is a feeling that what you want will happen; to want very much.

During my Mother's 101 years of life, I never heard her speak an audible word of prayer, but frequently she would say, "I hope and prayer."

At age 11 years, I hoped to be a good Christian and I made my confession of faith and was baptized. All of my life, I have seldom missed attending church services and serving as a teacher, deacon, and elder.

I hoped that I would have family and I did – a loving wife of 52 years, two wonderful daughters, a son-in-law and grandson.

In my fourth year of school, I hoped that I could become a teacher and I did with 44 years of service in a rural school, village and city schools, supervisor in three universities in three different states – Illinois, Oregon, and Wisconsin.

As a teacher, I hoped to be able to write articles for publication in educational journals and I did. I hoped to be active in educational associations and I served in offices in local, state, and national ones.

I hoped to be able to travel and I did tours in almost all of the states and many foreign countries, including Japan at age 86 years.

Always I hoped to live a long, healthy life and I have now at age 92 years.

With the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus, we have been promised eternal life. Our loving God has fulfilled all of my hopes and now I am looking forward to receiving my last hope of eternal life.

Thank you, God  
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