

Romans 15:13 (NASB) “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Ezekiel 48:35 (Msg) “From now on the name of the city will be Yahweh-Shammah: “God-Is-There.”

**Anchor number one: God’s presence is WATCHING over me.**

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT) “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

Psalms 32:8 (NLT) “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and will watch over you.”

Lamentations 3:21-23a (Msg) “But there’s one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope: God’s loyal love couldn’t have run out, his merciful love couldn’t have dried up. They’re created new every morning.”

**Anchor number two: God’s purpose is WORKING in me.**

Romans 8:28 (NIV) “We know that God causes all things to work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.”

First: “We know ...”

Second: “... that God causes...”

Third: “all things ...”

Fourth: “to work together ...”

Fifth: “for good ...”

Notice the qualifier of this great promise.

“... those who love God...”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) “I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future.”

Philippians 1:6 (NASB) “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 2:12 (NLT) “In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope.”

## Jehovah Shammah

### Third anchor of hope: God's place is **WAITING** for me.

John 14:1-2 (NASB) "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you."

Revelation 21:4 (NLT) "He will wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. All of that has gone forever."

### Heavenly Essentials:

- God's dwelling place (Psalm 33:13).
- Where Christ is today (Acts 1:11).
- Where Christians go when they die (Philippians 1:21-23).
- The Father's house (John 14:2).
- A city designed and built by God (Hebrews 11:10).
- A better country (Hebrews 11:16).
- Paradise (Luke 23:43).

Revelation 21:22-23 (NLT) "I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light."

### Application:

Do you rely on the presence of God to assure your hope?

Do you live with an understanding that God is looking out for you and guiding your steps?

Do you complain about the circumstances you face or do you trust God's purpose in them?

Can you identify way in which God is causing the all things of your life to work together for you good and His glory?

Do you live today with an eye on Heaven or do you see today as all there is?

What has God revealed to you through this message?

What do you need to do to adjust your life to what God has revealed?

Memory Verse: Romans 8:28 (NIV) "We know that God causes all things to work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose."