

Anchored to Our Hope

Text: Hebrews 6:17-20

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The writer was relating Abraham's patience and endurance to the Hebrew's plight. Since God does not go back on His word, is completely reliable, and His promises are and will be fulfilled, they could patiently wait for Him to do His work.

I. Our Anchor is rooted in the unchangeableness of God's character (Heb. 6:17-18a).

His oath as guarantee was and is a great demonstration of the unchangeableness of His character.

Do you want to know beyond a shadow of doubt that God's pledge and promises are true and will be fulfilled? The Hebrew's author confirms this guarantee based on these two immutable (unalterable) things.

What are these two unalterable things? God's promise (v. 13) and God's oath (v. 17).

Because both the promise and the oath came from God and God is fully trustworthy they are "without falsehood for God is [completely] incapable of lying" (Kent 121).

If God is trustworthy, and He is, then "we have the strongest assurance imaginable for trusting God's promises" (121).

Does this mean all our doubts will disappear? Does this mean we won't have legitimate questions? Certainly we are human and this was written to humans. We have questions trying to understand how the Divine God operates from everything large on the grand scheme of human history down to the smallest event in our personal lives. God doesn't always answer the why questions but His word and His oath are more than enough.

II. Our Anchor provides the encouragement that we need to live on this earth (Heb. 6:18b-20).

****We have a mighty comfort (Heb. 6:18b)**

****We can flee to Jesus for refuge (Heb. 6:18c)**

****We can hold fast to the hope set before us (Heb. 6:18d-20)**

What does Jesus Christ do as our Refuge?

****Jesus Christ is our hope as the Anchor of our soul (Heb. 6:19a)**

Our Anchor is *sure* and *steadfast*. There are no unanswered questions regarding the work of Christ in the past and while we have unanswered specifics in that which is to come, we know that God's truth is certain. We have security. We have safety. We have the firmness of God's word. This anchor is unbending. This anchor holds up underneath all the storms. This Anchor will carry us through it all and bring us safely to the other side.

****Jesus Christ is our help as the High Priest (Heb. 6:19c; 20b)**

Jesus Christ has entered the heavens (4:14) and He sat down indicative that He is in the right location and His atonement work is complete.

His work now is guaranteeing that which is to come. His work now is that of our Great High Priest. He is not dead but alive on location with God interceding on our behalf. He is our Advocate, our Mediator, and our Guardian of our salvation.

****Jesus Christ is our security as the Forerunner (Heb. 6:20a; c)**

Jesus Christ is our forerunner as the one who has gone to heaven before us. With this great truth comes another truth: He is our security and assurance of what is to come! The anchor is in the Heavens. While all other human high priests did their work on earth; Jesus Christ is working from the Heavens.

Our souls are anchored in heaven! He has entered that location already for us. We will follow Him within the veil soon. Just as He went in, we too will enter in. He is the guarantee. Are you not glad you serve a risen Savior?