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JESUS, THE ONLY STEADFAST ANCHOR



HEBREWS 6:13-20

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¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He guaranteed it with an oath,

HEBREWS 6:13-20

¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,

HEBREWS 6:13-20

²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Big questions:

1. How do we keep from drifting?
2. How do we hold on?
3. What do we hold on to?
4. Is there someone or something holding on to us?

1. The Promise

THE PROMISE

The Promise Receiver – Abraham

HEBREWS 6:13 ESV

¹³ For when God made a promise to **Abraham**, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself...

HEBREWS 6:15 ESV

¹⁵ And thus **Abraham** having patiently waited, obtained the promise.

GENESIS 12:1-3 ESV

¹“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

THE PROMISE

The Abrahamic Promise

GENESIS 22:16-18 ESV

¹⁶“I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

THE PROMISE

The Promise is for us.

GALATIANS 3:7-9 ESV

⁷ “Know then that it is those of faith, who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

GALATIANS 3:28-29

²⁸ “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.”

THE PROMISE

The Promise is our hope.

THE PROMISE IS OUR HOPE

1. **A throne of grace where we can receive mercy and grace — 4:16**
2. **Christ is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God — 7:25**
3. **We're promised an eternal redemption that is secured — 9:12**
4. **God remembers our transgressions no more — 10:17**

THE PROMISE IS OUR HOPE

5. **Our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience — 10:22**
6. **We have the promise of rising again to a better life after death — 11:35**
7. **We're promised that God takes every pain in our lives and turn it for our good — 12:10**

THE PROMISE IS OUR HOPE

8. **We receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken — 12:28**
9. **We're promised a God who will never leave nor forsake us — 13:5**

2. The Promise Giver

THE PROMISE GIVER

God loves.

HEBREWS 6:9

“Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things...”

EPHESIANS 2:4-5

“Because of the great love with which He ‘God’ loved us, even when we were dead in our sins, made us alive together with Christ.”

1 יהוה 4:7,10

⁷ “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God...

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us...”

THE PROMISE GIVER

God initiates.

HEBREWS 6:13,14

¹³ For when **God made** a promise to Abraham...

¹⁴ “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.”

THE PROMISE GIVER

God guarantees.

HEBREWS 6:16-17

¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He guaranteed it with an oath...

“See how kindly God as a gracious Father accommodates Himself to our slowness to believe; as He sees that we rest not on His simple word, that He might more fully impress it on our hearts He adds an oath.”

JOHN CALVIN

THE PROMISE GIVER

God desires to
convince.

HEBREWS 6:17

17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise...

THE PROMISE GIVER

God's unchangeable
purpose.

HEBREWS 6:17

“...the unchangeable character of His purpose.”

HEBREWS 13:8

“Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.”

3. The Anchor of our Souls

HEBREWS 6:19

“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...”

THE ANCHOR OF OUR SOULS

We expect storms.

BETTER A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS 

“An anchor was principally of use at two seasons: (1.) In storms and tempests, when the art and skill of the mariners are overcome by the fierceness of the wind and sea so that they cannot steer the ship in its right course, nor preserve it from rocks or shelves. Then is an anchor cast out; which will hold fast and retain the ship in safety against all outward violence. (2.) The second reason an anchor is useful, is when ships are in their harbour, that they may not be tossed up and down at uncertainty, that men may attend their occasions and not be driven to and fro with every wind an anchor is cast to keep the vessel steady unto its posture.”

JOHN OWEN

THE ANCHOR OF OUR SOULS

We are anchored
to heaven.

“Our anchor goes within the veil of glory, into the heights of heaven, where Jesus sits at the right hand of God: Within the veil,” therefore, is within and above these visible heavens, the place of God’s glorious residence, the holy tabernacle not made with hands, where the Lord Christ continueth to administer for his church.”

JOHN OWEN

“My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”

“When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.”

— Hymn by Edward Mote, 1800s

“It’s one of the strangest and most beautiful images in Scripture: Christ, our priest, as an anchor within the Holy of Holies. This man, who is flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, is united to us inextricably. He is as close to us as heat is to fire, as wet is to water. He has chained us to himself in a bond that cannot be broken. While offering up his own body for us on the cross, he was thrown upward, sailed through the firmament, passed through the celestial courts,

ripped in two the veil that hung between heaven and earth, and was lodged as a bloody anchor into the gold-plated ark of the covenant before the Father's throne of grace. Christ our priest has anchored himself in heaven's holiest place. And because we are joined to him, we are anchored there as well. As he holds fast to the Father, so he holds fast to us. "In every high and storm gale, my anchor holds within the veil." Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ because nothing can un-anchor him from us, or us from him.

No storms of sin, no gales of guilt, no floods of fear. We may be tossed about, but our anchor holds. We will struggle, we will doubt, but thanks be to God we are not the anchor. Christ is. Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. Not our own fidelity. Not our own piety. Not our own anything. There is no "Jesus and...." There is only Jesus, and he is more than enough."

— CHAD BIRD

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