

From Pastor's Desk...

Hope an Anchor of the soul; Sure, and Steadfast

The writer of the epistle to Hebrews attempted to show the glory of the reality in Christ Jesus, and the 'better things' in the gospel. It was addressed in a context when those who had been enlightened, tasted the Word of God and power slowly turned back to the temple rituals and ceremonies due to the opposition and hardships. What a consolation and comfort for the people of God, 'but beloved we are convinced of better things concerning you and things that accompany salvation' (*Heb. 6:9*).

Hope in Christ is compared to an anchor in the same way a ship is secured by an anchor cast into the bottom of the sea. **We are anchored upward in heaven not down in the ground.** The anchor is firmly attached to our soul. We are not left alone to hold on the storms of life. What anchors our soul is not our subjective confidence but the sure objective reality that God has promised.

God's promise is sure, certain and safe. It is lodged within the veil (*Heb. 6:19*). This is a reference to the veil that hung across the inner sanctuary of the tabernacle and concealed the ark of the covenant where God in His glory met with the high priest once a year as he brought a blood sacrifice to atone for the sins of the people. Jesus Christ, the eternal high priest is at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us in our need. It is impossible for God to lie (*Heb. 6:18*). There is a hope set before us, which is an anchor for the weary soul. A cheerful older Christian was once asked the secret of his triumphant attitude. He said, "I have read the last book of the Bible. I know how the story ends and I am on the winning side."

We have a citizenship in heaven and eagerly waiting for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ who will transform everyone in Christ. The better hope in Christ is the anchor of our soul in struggles of life. Let us make melodies in our hearts daily and overcome the challenges stand against us. My hope is found in Christ alone. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck from His hand till he returns and calls me home, here is the power of Christ I stand.

God bless you.

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Jesus our anchor!

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An anchor is defined as a heavy piece of metal that is attached to a boat or ship by means of a rope or chain. This device is used to keep the vessel in its place especially when the sea is rough and unpredictable which otherwise would cause the vessel to break up and sink resulting in loss to goods and lives on board.

We live in uncertain times where people are anxious to grab on to anything that they feel would provide them happiness or security. Many people anchor their lives and hope in money, job, success, relationship and so on; however, for a Christian, Jesus is our anchor. He will steady our ship when unexpected storms of life affect our life.

Hebrews 6:19 says "...hope is the anchor of our soul..." It's possible to feel the unexpected wind and waves in life but if we put our hope fully on God and His promises, rest assured our God is in control. During the storm, hope gives us the insight to see things as they are but at the same time trust God that He's preparing something better and beautiful for us.

In Jeremiah 29:11 God says "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." This hope is quite powerful to bring "... the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding..." (*Philippians 4:7*) in our lives especially in times of testing. This hope will never fail us and this hope is our hope in Christ Jesus, the Anchor of our soul.

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).



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SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK