

Hebrews 6.19

Our Soul's Anchor

God has given us something of great value in our hope. According to the writer of Hebrews, it is an anchor for our souls. It is something true and strong that we can rely upon. God has given it for He knows that we need it. He would not have provided it, and commanded its use if we did not need it. There is often much ridicule and disdain poured out on those who live upon hope, but those that attack us for our hope misunderstand the power and the nature of hope. At the same time they show that their own lives are void of hope and without the balancing, sustaining power of genuine hope.

I. HOPE PAST THE VEIL

A. We hope upon what is not yet seen. And this hope surpasses the limits of the flesh and present. We are not bound by what has been seen, or by what can be touched. Our hope is far greater than what someone else may or may not allow... we obey the God of the

universe, and this becomes both our strength and our comfort, no matter what may come.

B. The nature of it

1. Our confidence -

Hebrews 3:6 (NKJV) ⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

1) Glorifying

2) rejoicing

3) Boasting

2. Full assurance –

Hebrews 6:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,

1) Not dubious

2) Not spurious

3) Not questionable

a) It requires us to diligently hold fast to the promise and believe it regardless of what anyone else might say or think.

1) We have to know this in our bones, for Every storm has the power

to undo us if we are not anchored in Christ

- i. This is the reason for the demands placed upon us to use pronouns and accept the gay and trans agendas, for any opposition actually threatens their existence. They have no anchor, they have no hope. You must understand this reality; for it is the reason for the violence that explodes whenever they are challenged and the rhetoric is demonstrative of the emptiness of their souls
- 2) Our hope cannot be seen nor understood by the world and those in it
3. Its properties
 - a) It is sure, it will not fail. It can be trusted unto no matter what comes
 - 1) Firm and steadfast -
 - 2) No violence of wind or storm can break it or move it from its purchase in the promise of God

- 3) It does not make us ashamed -
Philippians 1.19-21
- 4) Never fails us
- 5) Never disappoints us –

Romans 5:5 (NKJV) ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- 6) Because it is not groundless or based on our whims as so many false hopes are, rather it is rooted and secured in the Promise of God –

Ephesians 2:12–13 (NKJV) ¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

4. Relies upon God

- a) A full enjoyment of everything contained in His promises to us

Galatians 4:4–5 (NKJV) ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who

were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

- b) In the promised moment - the fullness of time
- c) Which raises in our souls an earnest desire after that which has been promised

1Peter 1.10-12

- d) We EXPECT that which has been promised

5. This hope springs from faith

- a) It fixes every ounce of expectation upon the God who has promised

Titus 1.1-3

- b) It must be attached by faith or it is in vain

- 1) Like an anchor on a ship, If the anchor is flung overboard with no cable attaching it to the ship, it will do no good. Faith in God is the cable that attaches us to our anchor.

6. We trust in HIM

- a) If this is not the core of its existence then it is bold and sinful presumption -

- 1) Remember what Ephesians 2.12 says?

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- WITHOUT CHRIST
- STRANGERS FROM THE COVENANTS OF PROMISE
- NO HOPE
- WITHOUT GOD

- b) It is the outpouring of faith, receiving its benefit

Colossians 1:27 (NKJV) ²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

C. What it does for us

1. Anchor of the soul - it allows us to be steady in the storm

- a) Sure, firm
- b) Steadfast, stable

- 1) it is firm and invincible against all opposition

- 2) his is because of the nature and ground of this hope
 - i. Christ
 - ii. His Work
 - iii. His promise
 - iv. His nature
2. At rest when all around us is in chaos
 - a) Translates that rest and calm to us
3. It keeps us where we belong
 - a) Not driven about with every wind of doctrine

Ephesians 4:13–14 (NKJV) ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

- b) It is the wisdom that defines and drives us, which will not make any sense to anyone who does not possess it...
- c) No trial can ever keep us from the hope that is our birthright.

- 1) Our hope pierces through the darkness
 - 2) Our hope transports us across the miles and the millennia
 - 3) Our hope is the lifeline that is connected to the presence of God
4. We are exposed to storms
- a) The stress of
 - 1) spiritual danger
 - 2) Persecution
 - 3) Affliction
 - 4) Temptation
 - 5) Fear
 - 6) Sin
 - 7) Death
 - 8) the law...
5. They are
- a) Violent
 - b) Urgent
 - c) Fierce
 - d) Painful
 - e) Potentially harmful

6. Of themselves, in their own natures,
these things tend to destruction - 10,000 on
my right, 10,000 on my left
- a) Much fear, no danger
 - b) For God is the one in charge and He
uses them for our ultimate good -

Romans 8.31-39