

Holding God's Anchor
Hebrews 6:13-20
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Thesis: I want to show the encouragement we can find from the anchor found in Hebrews 6.

- Intro: 1. Have you ever used an anchor?
2. How important are anchors? What happens if they fail?

I. The Text

A. Hebrews 6:13-18

1. The Promise by no one greater
2. God made an oath with Abraham and he kept that oath (**v.13-15**)
3. God confirmed His oath by swearing by Himself, cause there is not one greater.
 - a. It is impossible for Him to lie and He does not change His purpose.
 - i. He had made a promise to Abraham and He had a purpose for Abraham and he fulfilled both (**v.16-18**)

B. Hebrews 6:19-20

1. This hope, which is unchangeable, because God's Word, His Promises, His Law is what brings hope for us. (**v.19**)
 - a. His promises included Christ coming to the earth and carrying out His will.
2. Christ (**v.20**) entered behind the veil for us when he laid down His life for mankind.

II. Why does mankind need an anchor?

A. The world around us is chaotic!

1. Without an anchor we can drift into far away seas.
2. We can find ourselves swept up in the way the world sees right and wrong.
 - a. The world around is living **Isaiah 5:20-21**.

B. The world needs anchored Christians.

1. The world doesn't need hypocrites (phonies), the world needs the Christian light (**Mt 5:14-16**)
2. Until Christ returns we must do our best to turn the tide, to turn this world "upside down" with the Gospel (**Acts 17:2-6**)

III. What about your anchor?

A. We have an anchor (song, verse 1)

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

B. We have an anchor (song, verse 2)

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow

- C. We have an anchor (song, verse 3)
Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil.
- D. We have an anchor (song, verse 4)
Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore?
- E. We have an anchor (song, chorus)
We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

IV. Lessons for us today.

- A. Man dies when he chooses the wrong anchor!
 - 1. **What good is a life raft full of holes, a life vest that doesn't float?**
 - 2. **When we choose the wrong anchor will be set loose into the waves of the world and will have no hope of rescue.**
- B. Man is saved when he chooses the right anchor!
 - 1. The Christian has that anchor (**v.19**).
 - 2. The Christian can hold to the anchor of God that endures all time – God's Word does not go away.

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. We sing of God's anchor when we sing "We have an Anchor" and "Hold to God's Unchanging hand".
- 2. God's promises are always fulfilled, and His Word is unchanging, let us hold on to the only anchor of hope we have, the anchor that is provided by God.
- 3. Full Invitation

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9