



Anchoring our Hope in God's Promises Hebrews 6:13-20

God's Promises Hebrews 6:13-18

"For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself" Hebrews 6:13

- God's Promise to Abraham (vs. 13)
 - *"...indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore... (Genesis 22:17)*
- Two Unchangeable Things (vs. 14-18a)
 - God took an oath (Genesis 22:16)
 - Impossible for God to lie (Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:2)
- Encouragement for the Weary (vs. 18b)
 - Hebrews 10:23 - *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful"*

Anchoring our Hope Hebrews 6:19a

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast..."

- Anchor - Fishing metaphor; prevented a boat from capsizing or crashing into the rocks in a storm
- Anchor - Early Christian symbol
- "Sure and Steadfast"
 - Our world feels uncertain and anxious right now.
How might God be inviting you to make Him the "Anchor of your soul?"

The Ultimate Promise Hebrews 6:19b-20

"Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever to the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 6:20

- Jesus, our "forerunner" (in Greek means "one who has gone ahead to prepare the way")
- Jesus has gone ahead of us, conquering sin and death and is preparing a place for us in heaven as He also intercedes at the right hand of the Father on our behalf
- How does looking at Jesus as your "forerunner" help you follow and trust Him in your daily life?
- Galatians 3:29 - *"And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise."*



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HEBREWS 6:13-20

1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. *"Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."*

2 Read the Text: Hebrews 6:13-20

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

God kept his promise to Abraham and He keeps His promises to you! Dwell on these promises and open your heart to the Lord as you consider them.

- 1) God promises to comfort and be with us in the darkest valleys (Psalm 23)
- 2) God promises to give us wisdom if we ask (James 1:5)
- 3) God promises to provide a way out of temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- 4) God promises that in all things God works for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28)
- 5) God promises to never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5)
- 6) God promises to be near to all who call on him (Psalm 145)
- 7) God promises to give those who trust in Him, strength when they are weary (Isaiah 40:29-31)
- 8) God promises to supply our needs in Him (Philippians 4:19)
- 9) God promises if you declare with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9)
- 10) God promises that If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins (1 John 1:9)
- 11) God promises that those who abide in Jesus will bear much fruit (John 15:5)
- 12) God promises to give the believer in Him, the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-17)
- 13) God promises to give us rest of our souls in Him (Matthew 11:28-30)
- 14) God promises that our salvation is secure, no matter what (John 10:28-29)
- 15) God promises to finish the good work he has begun in us (Philippians 1:6)
- 16) God promises that He is coming back (Luke 12:40)

- So much of our world feels uncertain and anxious right now. How is God inviting you to make Him the "Anchor of your soul?"
- In Hebrews 6:20, we learn that Jesus is our "forerunner." He has gone ahead of us, conquering sin and death and is preparing a place for us in heaven and He intercedes at the right hand of the Father. How does looking at Jesus as your "forerunner" help you follow and trust Him in your daily life?

4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: “Anchor for My Soul” by Josh Garrels & “Anchor of Hope” by Ellie Holcomb

5 Closing Prayer

“Heavenly Father, you are the anchor of my soul! Your promises to Abraham were good and true for it is impossible for you to lie, you are unchangeable. Your promises to me are also good and true. Your faithfulness is sure and steadfast. Thank you for sending the ultimate hope in Jesus Christ. Thank you that Jesus has gone before me, the forerunner who entered within the veil conquering sin and death, preparing a place in heaven for me and constantly interceding on my behalf at the right hand of the Father. What comfort and confidence this brings me! In our world filled with such anxiety may you use me Lord, to be an ambassador of your Hope. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

6 Blessing

May you “hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” **Hebrews 10:23**

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting “Card” to **970-00**

Connect in a LifeGroup: Grow in community together this summer with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online throughout the summer, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group using a Bible Study resource on Sabbath, The Lord’s Prayer, Psalm 23, or Digging Deeper in Hebrews at calvarylife.org/groups

Discover More: Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at calvarylife.org

RESOURCES

Worship Service Live-Stream: The Worship Service will be streamed live online each Sunday at 9:30am. Find ways to watch and resources for you and your family on our website at calvarylife.org/live

Family Activities: Find ways to help “do church” with your kids and fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at calvarylife.org/town

Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at calvarylife.org/help

Ways to Give: Please pray for those who are affected economically by this virus and for our church finances as well, that God would sustain and provide through this challenging season. Please consider mailing a donation to the church or you can give online simply and securely this week at calvarylife.org/give

On-Campus Worship • Sundays at 6:00pm in the Courtyard

Thank you for joining us on campus to worship! Reserve your seats weekly using the Church Center App (available in the App Store or Google Play) or online at calvarylife.org/oncampus

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT)

Chorus: Christ alone cornerstone, Weak made strong in the Saviour's love, Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace, In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil, My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne

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King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting, Without hope without light, Till from Heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes, To fulfil the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word, From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one, God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost, To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross, For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side, Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath, Till that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death, And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe, For the souls of all who'd come, To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame, Now this Gospel truth of old, Shall not kneel shall not faint, By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom I am free, For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me

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Great Are You Lord

You give life You are love, You bring light to the darkness, You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken, And great are You Lord

Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise, It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise, Our hearts will cry these bones will sing, Great are You Lord (REPEAT)

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Yes and Amen

Father of kindness You have poured out grace, You brought me out of darkness, You have filled me with peace, Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need, Lord I can't help but sing

Chorus: Faithful You are, Faithful forever You will be, Faithful You are, All Your promises are Yes and Amen, All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Beautiful Savior You have brought me near, You pulled me from the ashes, You have broken ev'ry curse, Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free, Lord I can't help but sing

I will rest in Your promises, My confidence is Your faithfulness (REPEAT)

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