

The anchor of your soul...

Hebrews 6: 10-20:

10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

*13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "**Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.**" 15 And so, after he had patiently*

endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

*19 **This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,** 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*

In this Scripture, we find that God very much wants to prove to you that He is determined to bless you. The example given is His promise to Abraham: Verse 13 says that God "swore by Himself": It simply means He repeated Himself, saying twice to Abraham that He would bless him. "*Surely blessing I will bless you.... Multiplying I will multiply you.*"

We should believe God if He says something just once. Here God wants to show us He really means what He says: so He said it twice. In es-May 3, 2006

sence, He said, "I absolutely, most certainly, will bless you and multiply you." He said it once as a promise: "*1 will bless you...* "; then He added His oath: "*Surely blessing... !*" He means, "I guarantee by myself that I will certainly bless yoU!!"

Verse 18 says that it is impossible for God to lie, and for this reason we have "strong consolation" -- strong encouragement and strong hope.

This hope is the anchor for your soul.

An anchor keeps a ship from moving when the wind blows and the waves come. The anchor holds the ship firmly in its place.

You have a great hope as your anchor. It is not an anchor that you throw downwards like the anchor of a ship, but one you throw upwards!! It is hope in the promises of God, and it is an anchor you throw up into heaven itself!

Through the knowledge of Christ, you hook your anchor to the very throne of God, His throne of grace and mercy! The anchor of your faith and hope is right in the Presence of God. Jesus is there. The Father is there.

Jesus has gone ahead of you as your forerunner (v. 20), and made the way open for you to be with your Father! His blood has forgiven you and cleansed you! Because of that blood, you always have direct access to God! Furthermore, because of that blood, you can completely depend on His promises to keep you, heal you, guard you and provide for you!

This is the hope of every Christian. This is the hope that gets you through the darkest night, the deepest valley -- even the valley of the shadow of death! When you are in trouble, and you can't see ahead, this one thing gives you courage and hope: You have anchored yourself by faith in His blood; you have anchored yourself to God's throne of mercy and grace in heaven, where you know Jesus sits at the right hand of God. Nothing can change that!

You are not anchored to what is going on here on the earth! You are anchored to the very Throne of God through the precious blood of Jesus. And because of that blood, you are anchored to the stubborn plan of God to bless you and multiply you just like He promised to Abraham!!