

**A Better Way
A Better Anchor
Hebrews 6.16-20; cf. 19**

Hebrews is the book of the **Better Way**, in Hebrews we have seen,

- **Our Superlative Savior**

- Jesus Christ is not another way to heaven
- Jesus Christ is not a better way to heaven
- Jesus Christ is the **ONLY WAY** to heaven

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

- **Our Better Purgings** – We are fully Pardoned from our sins when Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 1:3 - . . . by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

- **Our Better “So Great A Salvation”** (2.3)
- **Our Better Word From God** – This King James Bible
- **Our Better Prayer** - Standing in the presence of God.
- **A Better Spiritual Maturity**
- **A Better Eternal Security**
- **A Better Ministry**

Today we discover that there is a **Better Anchor of the soul.**

Read Text – Heb 6.17-20, cf. 16

In the Word of God, in Hebrews 6.1 we are told,

“ . . . Let Us Go On Unto Perfection . . . (vs 1)”

Last week we were told that we can labor in love for our Lord with eternal confidence because our salvation is absolutely sure and secure through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today this fact of foundational and undergirding ministry is further substantiated by the fact of a sure and steadfast anchor for our soul that enters into the veil for us.

Notice in our text,

A. The Immutable Counsel of God (vs 17) - *Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:*

Immutable – ἀμεταθετον (gk) - . . . *Immovable, immutable, sure, unchangeable*¹ . . .

There are two immutable things according to verse 18, these are,

- The Word of God or the Counsel of God
- The Testimony of God or the Oath of God

First and foremost let us consider the Immutable Counsel of God or the Immutable Word of God. This is lost on Christendom in our day with the multitudes of modern versions of the Bible, which I often refer to as the devil's books. Why do I refer to them in this manner?

1 Pet 1.24

Because **the Counsel of God or the Word of God is immutable, it is unchanging and unchangeable.**

The Word of God Boldly declares,

1 Peter 1:24–25 - *For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: ²⁵But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.* And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Psalm 12.6

Isaiah 40:8 - *The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.*

Psalm 119:89 - *LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*

1 Spiros Zodhiates, [The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament](#) (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

Without any doubt God has declared that he would keep his Word.

Psalm 12:6–7 - The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. ⁷Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

The Word of God is not kept through the faithfulness of mankind or of any person. **The Word of God is kept perfect and pure by the Almighty Power of God.**

God himself has promised to keep His Word to keep His Counsel Immutable. The Word of God does not change, not ever.

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A. The Immutable Counsel of God

The Word of God does not change,

- Based on intellectual or scholarly studies.
- Based on the Scientific Theories of proud and vain people.
- Based on the fads and trends of society
- Based on the Democratic Majority of the masses.

Get this fact into your heart, mind, and soul. The Counsel of God, the Word of God, is immutable. It never, ever changes.

Hence the Counsel of God is the rock solid bedrock upon which you must build your hope and life.

B. The Immutable Testimony of God (vs 18) - *That by two immutable things, in which **it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:*

Rom 7.7

When God speaks on any matter, when God give His Word, when God gives His oath God will never lie.

The foundational truths that you need for your life are not abstract, they are absolute. The truth, if it is ever declared by God and revealed within the Word of God, is

absolutely trustworthy and it is never going to alter nor change. The truth of God, the oath of God is Immutable.

Therefore, we know right from wrong because God tells us what is right and what is wrong. Paul said in Romans,

Romans 7:7–12 - *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin, but by the law:** for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. ⁸But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. ⁹For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. ¹⁰And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. ¹¹For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. ¹²Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.*

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What does all this mean? Paul said without the Law of God He did not know what sin was, but because of the Word of God sin and its consequences were revealed.

- I know lying and deception is a sin because the Word of God says Lying is a Sin

Exodus 20:16 - *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

- I know Stealing is a sin and is wrong because the Word of God says,

Exodus 20:15 - *Thou shalt not steal.*

- I know Sexual Immorality is a sin, which is intimate relations outside a Covenant Marriage relationship because the Word of God says,

Exodus 20:14 - *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

Secular Society and your social medias want to redefine right and wrong in our day, but a born again Christian should know that the Word of God and the oath of God is absolutely immutable, they never change.

You need absolute truth as a foundation and hope in your life, you find that in the immutable counsel and the immutable oath of God.

Now consider this anchor in verse 19.

C. The Anchoring Hope of the Christian (vs 18-20) - *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon **the hope** set before us: ¹⁹**Which hope** we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, **and which entereth into that within the veil;** ²⁰Whither **the forerunner** is for us entered, **even Jesus**, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*

Hope – The word Hope is a Greek word that refers to the rope tied to the anchor on a ship. Think about it, that rope on the anchor is the life line of the ship, it is the hope of all who are on the ship.

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Do you recall Hebrews 2.1?

Hebrews 2:1 - *Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them **slip**.*

The Word slip is also a sailing term. When a sailing vessel is driven by the wind the wind often fills the sails from the side and it puts pressure on the vessel to slip to the side. The helm and the center board are designed to limit the side slip of the vessels.

When a ship, in sailing days, was trying to come into a harbor the pilot of the vessel had to be careful about the side slip of the vessel that could cause the vessel to miss the entrance to the harbor and end up on the rock instead.

The **Hope Line** on the anchor was a solution when the winds, currents, tides and other factors made entering the harbor dangerous or even impossible under sail.

The Captain of the vessel would put a crew member, called a **forerunner (vs 20)**, in a small oared boat, in which they would put the ships anchor. The forerunner would row into the harbor, find an anchorage spot that was solid and firm, to which the fore runner would secure the anchor.

The anchor line, the hope of the ship, would run out to the ship. When all things were prepared and the tide was right the crew on the ship would crank in the anchor line in and draw the ship safely into the harbor. There was a “Strong Consolation” (vs 18) in this anchor line and the ability to safely bring the ship into the harbor.

Notice in,

- vs 20 – Jesus is our forerunner
- vs19 – The Anchor line (hope) runs within the veil, to our christian harbor of safety.

What does “within the veil” refer to? The holy of holies which would be the throne of God, where Jesus now sits at the right hand of God the Father; and where we are seated through the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:6 - And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

- Vs 18 – We can have a “*strong consolation*” because of our forerunner and the hope He has anchored for us.

Glory to God, we have an Anchor for our Soul which has been set by our Lord Jesus Christ and that anchorage and its line of hope and safety is absolutely sure.

Christian do you know,

- The Counsel of God is immutable? The Word of God never changes.
- The Oath of God is also immutable? God never lies, he will keep His oaths. God’s promises are sure and unchanging.
- The Anchor for your soul was and is set by our Lord Jesus Christ within the veil in the very presence of God. Draw in that line of hope that will bring you into the very presence of God.

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