

# Anchor within the Veil

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<b>RECAP:</b>	<p>So, last week we looked at how to understand verse 16-18.</p> <p>— We saw that God wants us to trust Him.</p> <p>— — God goes out of His way to get us to trust Him.</p> <p>— — — We saw that God promised, made an oath, and told us that He is the truth all because He wants us to trust Him.</p> <p>— — — — He showed us that He is so different from us humans and He calls us to be like Him.</p> <p>— — — — — His promises are always true because He is the truth and He can act outside of who He is.</p>
<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>	<p>Today we are going to finish up our study in Hebrews 6:16-20.</p> <p>— We will see that the promises, oaths, and deceleration of being the truth are foundational information for knowing that Jesus is the anchor that we need to hold onto.</p> <p>— — We will also see that hope does not come natural to us but it is something that we have to work at.</p> <p>— — — We will see that Jesus brings us through the veils of this life and He removes veils for us.</p> <p>— — — — We will see that His work as High Priest is amazing eternal work.</p>
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<p><b>Hebrews 6:16–20 (NASB95): 16 For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute.</b></p> <p><b>17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath,</b></p> <p><b>18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.</b></p> <p><b>19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,</b></p> <p><b>20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.</b></p>	<p>We need to understand what the hope is that is an anchor to our soul.</p> <p>—The hope that anchors our souls is the hope in a God who is truth and who promises to us.</p> <p>— — This is what gives us hope because God has promised a savior and He provided a savior.</p> <p>— — — God has also promised that this life is not all there is; in fact He has promised that this life is the worst it can get for believers. He has promised eternal paradise for those who believe.</p> <p>— — — — <b><u>READ: Luke 23:43 (NASB95): 43 And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”</u></b></p> <p>— — — — — But what is hope? How do we know that we have it? And more importantly, how do we know we have hope in God?</p>
	<p>Well, first and foremost, hope in God does not come naturally to humanity.</p> <p>—Because we are sinners and for sinners who have not given their lives to Christ, hope comes in the next relief from reality.</p> <p>— — For non-believing sinners the more they can escape reality the better.</p> <p>— — — This is why we have games that people can create a whole different life, this is why we have people changing their genders, their sexuality, abusing drugs and alcohol, and doing any kind of thing to escape what is really true.</p> <p>— — — — The way our country is moving is that there is no real truth. Why do people want that?</p> <p>— — — — — People don’t want to deal with the truth— Who is ultimately God.</p>

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	<p>So our nature is not naturally in God but is something that we have to work on.</p> <p>—An appropriate biblical definition of hope would be confident expectation.</p> <p>— —We need to have a confident expectation that God is who He said He is and He will do what He said He will do.</p> <p>— — —<b><u>READ: Romans 8:24–25 (NASB95):</u> 24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.</b></p> <p>— — —<b><u>READ: Hebrews 11:1 (NASB95):</u> 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.</b></p> <p>— — — —The Christians’ hope is not in ourselves but in faith in Christ Jesus; as He is our savior, perfecter, and fulfiller of promises.</p>

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	<p>What we need to understand is as Andrew Murray wrote, “where our hope lives, there the heart lives. There we, our real selves, are living too.</p> <p>— Too often our hope can become miss placed in this life.</p> <p>— — We start to hope in the things of this life: money, family, fantasy, etc. But we can also hope in the wrong things even in the church: the Pastor, opportunity, ministry success, etc.</p> <p>— — — Albert Mohler wrote, “The troubles and temptation of this world throw our souls around far too often.”</p> <p>— — — — Hope that is grounded in anything but Christ is misguided hope.</p> <p>— — — — — Misguided hope will not anchor you when the storms of this life come up.</p> <p>— — — — — — Only God can truly anchor us. Only God is secure in this world. Mohler continues to say, “And yet, we have a sure and steadfast anchor that stabilizes our souls amidst the waves of this world.”</p> <p>— — — — — — — <b><u>READ: John 10:27–30 (NASB95):</u></b> 27 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 “I and the Father are one.”</p>

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	<p>After revealing the dependable nature of God; the trustworthiness of God the author turns to the importance of hope.</p> <p>—As the verse tells us hope is like an anchor giving stability and security for our souls.</p> <p>— —Having Biblical hope is as George Guthrie wrote, “that we have turned from our former lives of sin and despair and to Christ for salvation, stability, and security. The foundation for our encouragement, moreover, rests in the character of God, who cannot lie.”</p> <p>— — —The anchor of a ship is cast down into the depths of the unknown; unseen sea. It holds that ship secure; which God hold us secure even in the unknown; unseen things.</p> <p>— — — —William Hendriksen wrote, “The author paints a picture of a boat, battered by the waves but held in place by an unseen anchor that clings to the bottom of the sea. So man’s soul, buffeted by winds and waves of doubt, has a secure anchor of hope firmly flexed in Jesus.”</p> <p>— — — — —Jesus give us a stable place to stand in an ever moving world. The Christian hope is firmly placed on Christ Jesus. The word anchor represents the idea of stability, reliability, well-founded, or confirmed.</p> <p>— — — — —Anchors are at the bottom of the sea unseen and our hope is in the highest heaven.</p>
	<p>Jesus has entered the the holy of holy. He has enter the inner sanctuary of God.</p> <p>—The idea of the veil is interesting to me.</p> <p>— —The definition of veil in the Merriam-Webster dictionary is: a concealing curtain or cover of cloth; something that hides or obscures like a veil.</p> <p>— — —In this life we have many veils; obstacles that conceal in our lives.</p> <p>— — — —But we have a God who sent His son to be the savior of the world, who has passed through the veils of this life.</p> <p>— — — — —Christ has seen through them all and He is the anchor who grounds us.</p> <p>— — — — —Mohler wrote, “Jesus, as our high priest, entered the inner place behind the curtain and offered his own blood on our behalf.</p>

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	<p><b><u>READ: Psalm 16:8 (NASB95):</u> 8 I have set the Lord continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.</b></p> <p><b>— <u>READ: Isaiah 33:6 (NASB95):</u> 6 And He will be the stability of your times, A wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; The fear of the Lord is his treasure.</b></p> <p><b>— — <u>READ: Psalm 62:2 (NASB95):</u> 2 He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.</b></p> <p><b>— — — <u>READ: Isaiah 26:4 (NASB95):</u> 4 “Trust in the Lord forever, For in God the Lord, we have an everlasting Rock.</b></p>

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	<p>The idea about a veil that this passage is speaking to is the veil that separated the regular person from the inner sanctuary; the Most Holy Place in the tabernacle.</p> <p>— This is the place that was thought to have God’s presence in it.</p> <p>— — This veil was torn when Christ died on the cross.</p> <p>— — — <b>READ: Matthew 27:50–51 (NASB95): 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.</b></p> <p>— — — — Jesus anchors us when we are veiled but Jesus also tears down veils so that we can have access to that which we did not have before.</p> <p>— — — — — Jesus, in His death on the cross opened up access to God the Father to all who would believe.</p> <p>— — — — — — <b>READ: 2 Peter 1:2–7 (NASB95): 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. 5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, 7 and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.</b></p>

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	<p>As we have looked at early in Hebrews; Jesus is not only the perfect sacrifice but He is also the perfect High Priest who atones for the sins of those who would give their lives over to Him.</p> <p>—He opened the door of heaven in His priestly work to broken sinners who had no hope without Him.</p> <p>— — <b>READ: Hebrews 7:25 (NASB95): 25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.</b></p> <p>— — <b>READ: Romans 8:33–34 (NASB95): 33 Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.</b></p> <p>— — —As High Priest, Jesus belongs to a different order.</p> <p>— — — —Murray wrote, “He is a Priest for ever, a Priest in the power of an endless life, a Priest who opens to us the state of life to which He Himself has entered in, and brings us to live here on earth with the life of eternity in our bosom.”</p>
	<p>So, what is our take away? What is our practical application?</p> <p>—Jesus is where our hope should rest. If our hope is in anything but Christ, we have misplaced our hope and it will fail.</p> <p>— —Put your hope in Christ and Christ alone. He is the only anchor that will hold you secure.</p> <p>— — —As Andrew Murray wrote, “where our hope lives, there the heart lives. There we, our real selves, are living too.” Where are your hopes living and what do they reveal about your real self?</p> <p>— — — —Jesus has given us access to God through the veil, what are you doing with that access? Are you wasting it or are you using it?</p> <p>— — — — —Is eternity in your heart or is the here and now distracted you?</p>



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