

The Thrill of Hope

Thrill: a feeling of great excitement or happiness.

Hope: to desire something good with the expectation of obtaining it. In a Biblical sense, hope is connected to the promises of God, to a person – namely Jesus, or to salvation / justification.

- **Historical Fact: God Came to Earth**

- **Future Promise: Jesus is Coming Back**

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (ESV)

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

Hebrews 9:28 (ESV)

So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

- **Present Reality: God is with you NOW!**

Hebrews 6:13-18 (TPT)

Now when God made a promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater than himself, he swore an oath on his own integrity to keep the promise as sure as God exists! So he said, "Have no doubt, I promise to bless you over and over, *and give you a son* and multiply you without measure!" So Abraham waited patiently in faith and succeeded in seeing the promise fulfilled. It is very common for people to swear an oath by something greater than themselves, for the oath will confirm their statements and end all dispute. So in the same way, God wanted to end all doubt and confirm it even more forcefully to those who would inherit his promises. His purpose was unchangeable, so God added his vow to the promise. So it is impossible for God to lie for we know that his promise and his vow will never change!

Hebrews 6:19-20 (TPT)

We have this certain (*sure and steadfast*) hope like a strong, unbreakable **anchor** holding our souls to God himself. Our **anchor** of hope is fastened *to the mercy seat* which sits in the heavenly realm beyond the sacred threshold, and where Jesus, our

forerunner, has gone in before us. He is now and forever our royal Priest like Melchizedek.

- 1. The Anchor is unmovable!**
- 2. The Anchor has a job to do.**
- 3. You can't see your Anchor you can only see the effects of the Anchor.**

Your Anchor has a name – His name is Jesus!