“A Sure Anchor in Fluid Times!”

Hebrews 6:13-20
God’s Promises to Abram

“I will surely bless you”
“I will surely multiply you” (vs. 14; Gen. 12:1-3)

“having waited patiently, he (Abraham) obtained the promise” (vs. 15) –
(Don’t forget the “crisis” with Isaac! Gen. 22)

Vs. 17 – “in the same way, to show to the heirs of the promise....” (that’s US!) HIS KINGDOM!
The Recipients of This Message

2nd generation Christians of Jewish descent
Written in 60’s A.D. about the same time Emperor Nero began persecuting Christians

Q: Where is our Messiah?
Q: Where is the coming Kingdom of God?

Coming to grips with following Jesus will lead to suffering and persecution!
Why An Anchor For Our Souls?

Hebrews 2:1 – “...we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it...”

“(DRIFTING): “continuous, slow movement from one place to another”

Slowly lose enthusiasm, zeal for Jesus / His Kingdom!
Triggers to Drifting... (internal)

Money material goods – “For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs”  
(1 Timothy 6:10)

Neglecting fellowship – “…not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another” (Hebrews 10:25)

Subtle compromises with sin – “let us lay aside the sin that so easily entangles us...” (Heb. 12:1).
Overt Pressure = “tossed by waves” (external pressures!)

“Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth”

(Ephesians 4:14 NLT).

Pressure to:
* compromise holiness, yield to temptation
* conform to values of the world
Our Hope – Based on His Word

Vs. 18 – “It is impossible for God to lie”

So here’s what He promised to “ANCHOR” your soul!

1. “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5).

2. “Resist the devil and he will flee” (James 4:7).

3. “I will provide the way of escape” (1 Corinthians 10:12).
His Promises (cont’d)

4. “Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

5. “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you” (Isaiah 26:3).

6. “I give eternal life to them, and they will ever perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand” (John 10:28).
The **Quality** of Our Anchor

Jesus is the Christ = the “Messiah“ the Anointed “One” bringing the Kingdom of God!

This Hope = an anchor of the soul (vs. 19)

**Sure** = “no doubt this is right!”

**Steadfast** = “resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering.”
We **Know** the End of the Story

College football, 2016 –
Who will be national champs?
Wouldn’t you like to know?

We’ve read the end of Revelation
We **know** who wins!

“God...will soon crush Satan under your feet!”
(Romans 16:20)
Our former pastorium 2-13-14
A New Foundation Required
For New Home! 2 Cor. 5:17
Jesus Christ is Our Foundation, The Anchor of Our Soul!

“In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil! On Christ the solid Rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand!”