

ANCHOR OF OUR SOULS



Superior Life in Christ – A SUPERIOR BASIS FOR A LIFE OF SECURITY HEBREWS 6: 13-20

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE LEADING US INTO TODAY'S SERMON:

- ***BELIEVERS MUST GO ON TO MATURITY and GOD HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO SO. (HEB. 5:11 – 6:3)***
- ***THE PROCESS OF MATURITY DOES NOT AFFECT SALVATION. BUT IT DOES AFFECT THE WAY WE LIVE IN THE INTENDED BLESSINGS OF GOD.***
- ***IF WE START TO DRIFT FROM THE WORD (HEB. 2:1-4), THEN WE START TO DOUBT THE WORD (HEB. 3:7-4:13).***
- ***BEFORE LONG, WE WILL GET DULL TOWARD THE WORD (HEB. 5:11-6:20) AND BECOME LAZY BELIEVERS.***
- ***A FRUITFUL LIFE IS A BLESSED LIFE AND A LIFE THAT DECLARES ALOUD THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S SALVATION WITHIN US.***
- ***LIKewise, THE GREATER THE FRUIT, THE GREATER THE AWARENESS WE HAVE OF OUR SECURITY IN CHRIST.***
- ***THE BEST WAY TO AVOID DRIFTING IS – TO LAY HOLD OF THE ANCHOR.***
- ***WHEN WE ARE ANCHORED HEAVENWARD, HOW MUCH MORE SECURE CAN YOU BE IN YOUR SALVATION.***

MAIN PRINCIPLE OF TODAY'S SERMON:

- ***AUTHENTIC BELIEVERS HAVE A DEEPLY SECURE HOPE.***

On To A Maturing Confidence

- I. God's Promise – Genesis 22:16, 17
 - unchangeable #1
 - in spite of failures and sin
 - built upon His character – not mine

 - “Patently Endured” – antithesis to slothful or lazy
 - ARE YOU READY TO GIVE UP?
 - ARE YOU DILIGENTLY APPLYING THE WORD?

- II. God's Oath – Order in The Court
 - unchangeable #2
 - “so help me God...” - swear by one higher than self
 - “Fled to refuge...” – Joshua 20 Refugee Cities

- III. God's Son – THE ANCHOR UPWARDS – Col. 1:5; I Tim. 1:1
 - FIRM = SAFE
 - SECURE = RELIABLE, WELL FOUNDED

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Are you ready to give up? Are you applying the Word diligently?
 2. What did you learn about your security in Christ today?
 3. What principles on patience and faith stand out to you as a challenge? In what ways does Abraham's story with Isaac speak to you today?
 4. What are the blessings of walking with Jesus? Have you counted and calculated these? In what ways have you noticed His superiority? How does it affect your life?
 5. What does God's faithfulness in carrying out His promises do for your walk of faith? How do you respond to this faithfulness?
 6. Can you now see how this message in Hebrews 6 is meant to encourage us, not to scare us? In what way are you encouraged?
 7. How does this passage relate to your present spiritual condition?
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