

Anchor For the Soul

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Hebrews 6:16-17

16 Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. 17 Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.

Hebrews 6:18-20

18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. 19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek

I. Abraham

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The Flow (11-12)

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end,
12 so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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A. The Foundation

B. God’s promise vs. ours

C. Impact of God’s promise

II. Heirs

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A. Oath (16)

- **Why do people take oaths?**
- **Why did God take an oath?**

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B. Heirs (17)

- In the same way, desiring even more
- To the heirs of the promise

Galatians 3

6 Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” 7

Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham

Galatians 3

26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

III. Anchor

18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged (NIV)

A. Fled (18)

- The temptation for the Jewish Christians
- Christians have already fled
- Fled to take hold of the hope

III. Anchor

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, 20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (NASB)

B. Anchor (19)

- Sure and steadfast
- Enters within the veil

C. Forerunner (20)