

HEBREWS 6:11-20
A BETTER PROMISE KEEPER
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JESUS IS
BETTER
A Study in Hebrews

SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

There are two ditches on the narrow road to life.

1. Do more, try harder ditch.
2. Let go, let God ditch.

Message Outline

- The Encouragement of a Pastor Who Cares (vv. 11-12)
- The Patience of a Man Who Believes (v. 15)
- The Oath of a Promise-Keeping God (vv. 13-14; 16-18)
- The Sure Anchor of those seeking full assurance (vv. 19-20)

“He regardeth not His own dignity, but how He may persuade men, and endures to have unworthy things said concerning Himself.” - John Chrysostom

“Anchors are clear and familiar image of security, Yet there is something special about this anchor in Hebrews 6:19. Every other anchor goes down into the sea, but this one goes up to heaven. The anchor of a ship goes down beneath the waves to a place unseen to hold us secure, but this anchor of our hope goes up to a place where, by faith, we can see, “into the inner place behind the curtain.” What a powerful portrayal of Christian hope, which is like no other hope in this world. For others, hope is mere wishing; It is wanting but not having. and the failure of mere wishful thinking leads so many people into the despair of depression. Christians, too, want many things. We want blessing, we want peace, we want security, and we want heaven. But unlike the hope of the world, which goes nowhere and has no anchor, our hope in Christ goes before us into heaven, where it is anchored in the unchanging character of God and the oath he has sworn. our hope goes where we cannot yet go ourselves. It goes into heaven, where Christ is now. and there he sets the anchor of our hope with his own pierced hand, so that our hope of salvation is attached by the finished work of Christ to the Secure Foundation of the unchangeable character of God.” - Richard D. Phillips

Support Verses

Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews 13:20-21; Genesis 15:5-6; Genesis 17:17; Genesis 22:15-18

Songs to Remind You Of Your Sure and Steady Anchor:

- Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me (CityAlight)
- He will Hold Me Fast (Shane & Shane)
- All I Have Is Christ (Sovereign Grace)
- His Mercy is More (Shane & Shane // Sovereign Grace)
- O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer (Sovereign Grace)
- Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor (Sovereign Grace)

PRAYER TARGETS

1. Pray for Deeper Trust in God's Faithfulness.

Ask God to help us grow in faith, trusting in His promises even in seasons of waiting or uncertainty. Pray for the courage to believe that God's word and His oath are unbreakable anchors for our souls, keeping us secure through every trial and enabling us to persevere.

2. Pray for Faithfulness on the Narrow Road.

Ask God to help us avoid the two "ditches" of self-reliance and passivity. Pray that we would embrace the biblical path that Hebrews lays out, fully trusting in God's sovereignty and strength while also committing to actively pursue obedience and growth in faith. May we rely on the Holy Spirit to work through us as we do what God commands, staying centered on His purpose for our lives.

3. Pray for Patience in God's Timing

Ask God to cultivate a patient heart in us, like Abraham, to wait on Him with faith—even when answers seem delayed. Pray for the many in our congregation who are suffering—that they might be given supernatural patience to endure without losing hope. Pray for increased faith that clings to God's promises in every season of life.

4. Pray for Confidence in Our Heavenly Anchor.

Pray for a clear and confident hope in Jesus, who is our steadfast anchor. Ask that we would grow in our understanding of Jesus' role as our Great High Priest, who has gone before us and secures our hope in heaven, giving us the courage to hold fast to our faith.

5. Pray for a Passion to Invite Others to Meet Our Promise-Keeping God.

Ask God to ignite a deep desire within CVC to share the hope and assurance we have in Him. Pray that we would be bold in inviting others to experience the steadfast love and unbreakable promises of our faithful God. May we be sensitive to opportunities to share the gospel, reaching out to friends, family, and neighbors with the message of a God who holds us fast, never faltering in His love or promises.

NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16