

AN ANCHORED SOUL

The Text

Hebrews 6:19-20, **NIV:** *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf.*

In the 1st century, much suffering and discouragement threatened the Christian community. The author of Hebrews wrote to convince these followers of Christ not to throw away their confidence in their future hope (2:1).

In this text, the writer uses a metaphor to describe the fact that our hope of a heavenly inheritance is anchored in Jesus, who now is in heaven.

When Jesus entered the holy of holies in heaven after his resurrection, he secured our hope of the future (6:19-20). A hope for the future that cannot and will not be shaken loose.

The Metaphor

Anchors prevent a ship from being swept away by wind or waves. What is interesting and relevant to this particular use, is that anchors are often placed away from the ship, securing it to a reef, or the shore, or the dock.

Just as the anchor which holds a ship is not in the exact same place as the ship itself, our hope is not in this world. It is in a greater place, it reaches beyond the veil, into the holy of holies.

Since Christ has gone ahead of us, to secure our salvation, we should have absolute confidence, because He anchors our souls, so that we will not drift away from our hope in God.

The anchor holds *in the day of adversity*, when trouble presents itself and everything around us gives way. The anchor holds *in the day of death*, when the cold, dark billows roll. The anchor holds *in the Day of judgment*, when the elements shall melt with fervent heat.

Our souls like a ship, in the seas of the world are anchored in Christ. Amazingly we are anchored upward to heaven-not downward (Warren Wiersbe). We are safe and firmly secure in Christ. Hallelujah, praise God!