

THE ANCHOR HOLDS



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There are times in our lives when circumstances make it necessary for us to be reminded of truths we know and love. Events happen that shake us and confuse us. We are bewildered as to what is happening.

My third heart attack was like that with me. It was worse than the others and shook me, yes even frightened me. Now it is alright to be shaken or bewildered or frightened by events **BUT** it is not alright to allow those events to cause us to doubt God

or to forget that the anchor holds even in the most adverse circumstance.

In Hebrews 6:19 we are told that we have an anchor for the soul, and this anchor is firm and secure⁷.

We who are Christians are saved but in addition to that we have an anchor of the soul.

The anchor is the gospel hope, it is Christ himself.

The anchor is used for securing a ship, particularly in a storm. It is to prevent the ship drifting to its own destruction.

The anchor is invisible; sinking beneath the waters it grips the rock. The winds may roar and batter the ship but the anchor keeps it safe. The ship may move a little but the anchor holds it secure. Unseen but sure the anchor never fails.

The storms of life may batter the believer, the devil hurls his fiery arrows at him, temptation seeks to move him away from his hope, but Christ his anchor holds him fast. And listen to this. v19 - The anchor is fixed within the curtain, the veil, heaven itself.

Christian your salvation is anchored in heaven. Nothing that happens in this world can therefore move it. Firm and secure says v19.

Our security is entirely outside of ourselves. It is held fast by the risen, ascended glorified Lord Jesus Christ.

The story is told of two Hebrew boys who were living with their parents in Egypt during the traumatic days leading up to

the Exodus. They had seen the power of God in the plagues he sent to Egypt and now they heard of the coming Angel of Death. The first born in every home was to die and they were the first born in their families. But God had made a provision for his people to escape this judgment. The father in each family was to sprinkle the blood of a lamb on the door posts of their home. God said, 'When I see the blood I will pass over'.

Both boys went to bed that night, one slept like a baby and the other tossed and turned all night in anxiety. The question is asked, which boy was the safest, the one who rested peacefully or the one filled with anxious fear?

The answer is that they were as safe as each other. Their safety did not depend upon their feelings but upon the promise of God that when he saw the blood he would pass over. It is the same with the Christian, our salvation and security does not depend upon our faith or our prayers, important though these are, but upon the fact that Jesus is our anchor and he has promised never to leave us or forsake us.