



**Hebrews
6:13-20**

THE ANCHOR OF OUR SOULS!

INTRODUCTION

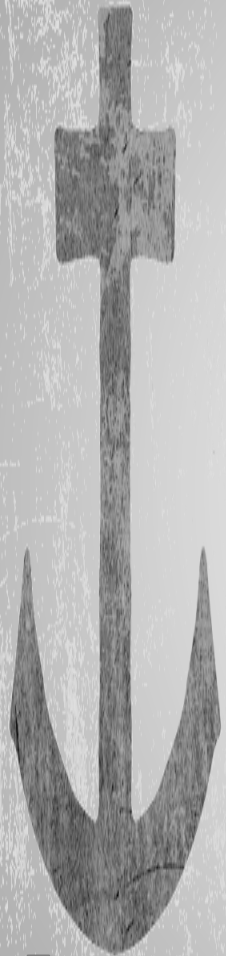
These final verses of Hebrews 6 encourages us to have **HOPE!** The Preacher teaches this through four images:

1. **INHERITANCE:** The legality of an oath;
2. **REFUGEES WITH GOD:** We seek refuge with God in His heavenly sanctuary;
3. **THE HIGH PRIEST OF ISRAEL:** The congregation is compared to their actions and those of the High Priest; and,
4. **THE ANCHORED SHIP:** The congregation's hope is anchored, firmly, to God's oath/promise



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Verses 18b-20 are a bridge to the rest of the sermon as the preacher will describe the order of his sermon:

- Jesus/Order of Melchizedek (Ch 7)
- Jesus' Ministry in Heaven (8-10)
- Your Access via Faith (10:19-39)
- Participation in Divine Srvc (11-12)

OUR OUTLINE

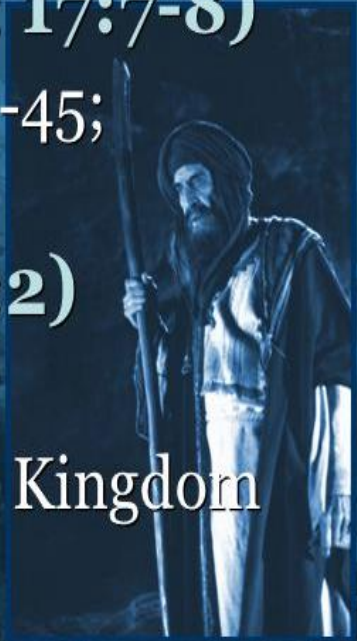


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- I. God's Promise to Abraham (vv.13-15)
 - A. God's promise by oath (13, 14)
 - B. Abraham's patience (15)
- II. God's Promise to Abraham's heirs (vv.16-20)
 - A. Human oaths/legalities (16)
 - B. God's confirmation by oath (17)
 - C. His purpose via encouragment (18)
 - D. Hope and our inner shrine (19)
 - E. Jesus' entry into that shrine as our High Priest on our behalf (20)

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

- **The Land Promise (12:1; 17:7-8)**
Fulfilled: 12:5-7; Joshua 21:43-45;
Nehemiah 9:6-8
- **The Nation Promise (12:2)**
Fulfilled: Exodus 1:7-10
Secular history establishes the Kingdom
of Israel
- **The Seed Promise (12:3)**
All Nations (Genesis 18:17-18)



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GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

The LORD establishes His
promise by taking an oath!

- ❖ Swearing by a greater one!
 - ❖ A ruler, elder, authority figure
- ❖ None greater than YHWH
 - ❖ He swears on Himself!



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GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

What's the oath?

From Gen. 22:17



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I will surely bless you and
will greatly multiply your seed
*like the stars of the heavens and
like the sand which is on the seashore;*
and your seed shall possess
the gate of his enemies.

Genesis 22:17



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GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

Abraham's Patience
Greek text tells us that
Abraham was:

“LONG-HEARTEDLY
PATIENT”

Abraham, in his old age, awaited a
son (Isaac)
And received Isaac from the dead!?

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM'S HEIRS

vv.16-20

Human Inheritance (v.16)

- + The ancient world was an oral tradition world...oath taking was vital!
- + An oath was legally binding
- + Also legal confirmation
- + Provided certainty



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GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM'S HEIRS

v.17

God's Oath

He has no need to confirm His
promises with an oath!

- + His promises reliable!
- + His Word is ALWAYS true!
- + Provided certainty



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v.17

God's Oath

Yet, He gives an oath anyhow,
why!

- + Proves His oath is a greater attestation than a human oath!
- + Delivers a Divine certainty to His heirs – no dispute!
- + An unchangeable oath!



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God's Purpose (v.18)

- + A double measure
- + Two unchangeable things...
 - + Unchangeable Oath
 - + Unchangeable Promise
- + So the heirs can take refuge in His Oath/Promise

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM'S HEIRS

The Heir's Hope (v.19)

- + Certain and Confirmed
- + Compared to an anchor
 - + Eph 4:14
- + Allusion to entering “the inner place of the curtain”



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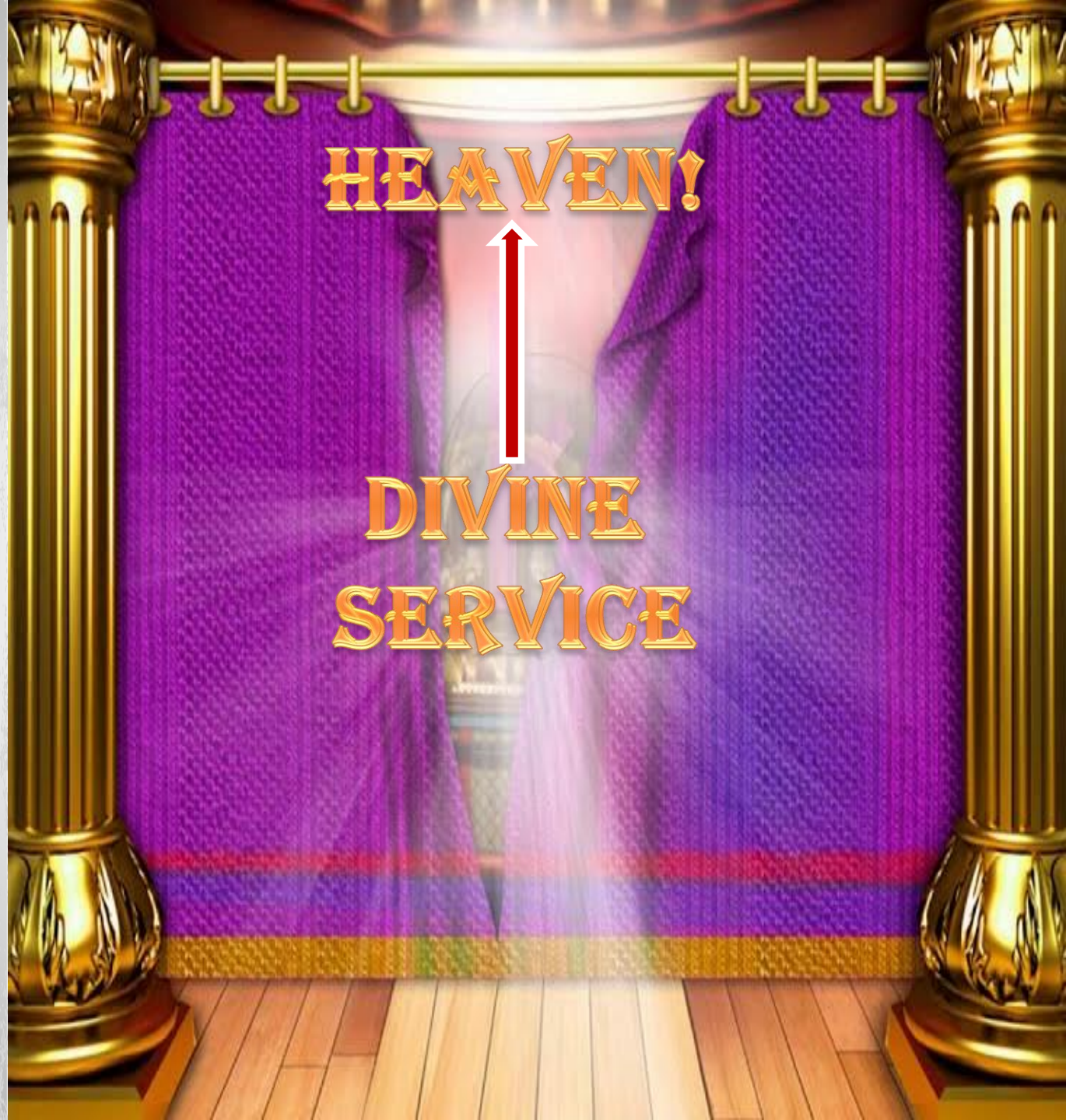
“The Inner Place
of the Curtain”



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Jesus' Entry (v.20)

- + To make Atonement for all
- + He is your “forerunner”
 - + πρόδρομος – “Trailblazer”
- + As your “forerunner” He has gained access to the Heavenly Holy of Holies...for you; yet, you can only enter through/by Him!



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We will begin the study of the
most beautiful and awe-inspiring
section of the Book of Hebrews:

Jesus



Our Liturgical High Priest

Hebrews 7:1 – 10:25

OUR CLOSING



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When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.