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THE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
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HEBREWS 6:19-20

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HEBREWS 6:19-20 "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

A corrected translation beginning with verse 13--

"For The Lord, when he himself, had promised to Abraham, since he had no one else by whom to take an oath, he took an oath on the basis of his own person, when he was saying, just as certain as I am God, blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you. And having persisted in faith-rest Abraham obtained the promise. For mankind customarily takes an oath by the greater, even God, and to them, the opposition, such an oath (swearing by the name of God) with reference to the confirmation (guaranteeing security) is the termination of all opposition. By means of which oath solemnly decreeing even more to demonstrate in addition to the decree to the heirs of the royal priesthood of the promise the immutability of his decree, he guaranteed it by means of an oath. In order that by two immutable things (the oath and the promise) in the sphere of which it is impossible for God himself to lie, we might have strong encouragement to advance to the tactical objective of super grace, so long as we take refuge in doctrine for the purpose of attaining the objective (super grace) constantly placed before us."

HEBREWS 6:19 "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;" Here we have the conclusion of the matter and another illustration. "The anchor for the soul." "Which hope" is the accusative singular feminine from the relative pronoun hos. Now the hope, the objective is the super grace life. DOCTRINE IN THE SOUL IS THE OBJECTIVE AND THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO REACH THE OBJECTIVE. We must transfer the truth of God into our souls.

The oath is based on the perfect character of God.

The promises are based on the perfect message of God.

Doctrine must be in the soul in order for us to claim it. You don't claim promises out of the Bible, they have to move from the Bible into the soul for them to do you any good. This hos refers back to elpis in the previous verse and it really is expectation. This hope objective is a combination of doctrine and the advance to the super grace life. "We have" is the present, active, indicative of echo and it means that this is available to every single soul on earth. There is a paragraph in the divine decrees that has your name on it. This is a retroactive progressive present tense which goes all the way back to eternity past where God first decreed his plan. This is the Word of God as it existed in eternity past. It was not in the Bible yet, it was in the mind of God we call his decrees from eternity past. There, way back there, is a paragraph that has your name on it. In that paragraph is all the provisions for every need you will ever have for every day of your life. Included in this is wealth, promotion, family blessings and happiness of every type. This present tense means that these

things have always been available to the children of God. Whether we cash in on these things depends on our attitude toward doctrine. The active voice means that we have confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ being able to deliver that which he has promised. The indicative mood is the declarative indicative which assures the certainty of the thing promised. Confidence in The Lord is the basis of this great promise.

The Basis Of Our Victory

Before there could be any paragraph in the divine decrees about us and our personal victory, there had to be a paragraph about the Royal High Priest, The Lord Jesus Christ. There is a very large paragraph about this Royal High Priest and his eternal prosperity. I will list just a few of them here.

Genesis 3:15

Revelation 12:5

Isaiah 7:14

Revelation 14:14-15

Isaiah 9:6

Revelation 19:11-16

Daniel 2:35 and 45

In order for these things to be carried out, Christ had to go to the cross and offer himself as a sacrifice for all of our sins. This he did perfectly. "He bore our sins in his own body on the tree." This is where he broke the back of Satan. His resurrection, his ascension and his session at the right hand side of God are all a part of this strategic victory.

The Meaning Of His Being Seated In Heaven

At the point of Christ's ascension, when God said to Christ, "Sit on my right hand side, until I make thine enemies thy footstool" this was the first part of his strategic victory. Super grace prosperity began at that moment for all believers and will continue throughout all the ages to come. Christ is going to take the kingdoms of the earth away from Satan and will destroy all the armies of the opposition at Armageddon and at that moment will remove Satan and all demons from this earth.

What is Christ's Millennial reign?

Christ's Millennial reign is nothing more than the flowering of his super grace blessings. We will share in every one of these super grace blessings in the Millennium. We in the Church Age declare this truth to Satan by receiving super grace blessings in the Church Age. We develop the super grace capacity from learning Bible doctrine and that is the only way we can attain these blessings.

A Paragraph For You

In the divine decrees there is a paragraph with your name on it. These super grace blessings are for you and you only and they can't be transferred to anyone else. You stick to the learning of doctrine and you are as sure to receive these blessings as God is God. The institution called the church is given for those who are positive toward learning the Word of God. If the pastor-teacher provides the message, God will provide the hearers. Every believer has his name on a paragraph in the divine decrees. God had a perfectly functioning IBM computer long before we ever thought of one. Every man who has ever lived since Adam has been in the eye and mind of God and God has made ample provision for that man. (You will get your super grace blessings even before the Son of God gets his. This is an advertisement to Satan and to Satan's crowd of what is coming for God's people. That's why our super grace blessings are related to a phrase called "The ages to

come" and this is the Millennium.) In the Millennium Christ will receive what David received under super grace, for the Lord Jesus Christ is David's greater son. Christ will not only rule Israel in the Millennium, HE WILL RULE THE WORLD. THE GOVERNMENT WILL AT LAST BE UPON HIS SHOULDERS. And you and I will rule and reign with him. Now, Satan knows that the Millennium is sure to come. He will be gone and he knows it.

The Anchor For The Soul

"As" is a comparative particle from hos. This is a very unique analogy. A sea anchor is to stabilize a ship in time of storm. The word for "anchor" is agkura. The sea anchor was used on the ship so it would not be driven on the rocks. They would anchor off shore and ride out the storm.

Going Within The Veil

Then we have a second analogy. The holy of holies behind the veil where the high priest entered once a year to make atonement for his own sins and for the sins of the people. Therefore, we have dual illustrations here and both are analogous to Jesus Christ as our great High Priest in the presence of the Father at the present time. The agkura refers to the sea anchor used to protect the ship. "Of the soul" is a genitive of possession. The word for "soul" is psuche. Doctrine has to be in the soul before it can be used. (Three illustrations here related to the Jews--Circumcision, the anchor, and the entering in behind the veil.)

Three Anchors On Each Side

Quite often they had three anchors on each side of the ship, two at the front, two in the middle, and two in the rear. These sea anchors became the stabilizers. Doctrine is the sea anchor in your life. Doctrine was more real to Abraham than the storms that broke in upon him. Abraham had the oath, from the person of God, and the promise, from the message of God. Abraham's name was on a paragraph in the divine decrees and so is yours. If you expect to keep from drifting on the shoals of reversionism, you have to have an anchor of doctrine for your soul. The first part of this analogy, therefore, refers to doctrine.

Two Important Adjectives

We have two very important adjectives as a part of this analogy. The word "sure" is from asphale and it means to be stabilized. You must be consistent and stabilized if you want to reach the super grace life. The second adjective translated "steadfast" is from hebaios and it means dependability. So we have stability and dependability and this adds up to permanent steadfastness which doctrine brings to any life. This is what is meant back in verse 15 by that phrase "he patiently endured."

Don't Let Reactor Factors Trip You

It is so easy to let reactor factors trip you up. Boredom, loneliness, bitterness, jealousy, disillusionment, self-pity, frustration. These reactor factors lead to an emotional revolt in the soul and cause the believer to have a negative attitude toward doctrine which always leads to a spiritual breakdown. This leads to the doctrine of demons on 1 Timothy 4. It is called demon influence and in some places it is called hardness of heart. Hardness of heart means that the heart is loaded with Satanic viewpoint. Stability and dependability are designed to keep you out of this trap.

The Second Analogy

We now have a connective kai to introduce the second analogy. There is no relative pronoun "which" here but rather we have a present, active, indicative of eiserchomai and it refers to the High Priest on the Day of Atonement entering into the holy of holies. This is a similar analogy and this is our great heavenly sea anchor. Christ has entered through the veil into heaven and that calls for victory down here. At the moment of salvation, you were entered into union with Christ, who has already been victorious down here and this means you are to be victorious also. He was victorious and this victory spills over on to you. There is a super grace victorious paragraph with your name on it and you sure don't want to fall beside the way until you get there. (This is Romans 8:28 working for you every day. Blending things together.)

Since you are a royal victorious priest, then you are to live like it. God does the pouring so your cup will run over. God gets the glory and you get the benefit.

The Great Day For The High Priest

The High Priest probably had one night when he didn't sleep at all. He was making preparation for the Day of Atonement. On that day he wore the spotless white uniform and it was brilliant and beautiful. All the people were highly excited, for they knew if anything happened to the High Priest it was just too bad for them. On that day he went through the animal sacrifice for the people, collected the blood in a vessel and took it into the holy of holies and sprinkled the blood over the mercy seat on the top of the Ark of the Covenant. In this box were three objects. The Manna, the Ten Commandments, and the Rod of Aaron that budded. On top was the mercy seat and the two cherubims. One stood for the righteousness and the other for the justice of God. Sprinkling that blood over the mercy seat was a picture of the doctrine of Propitiation. The Father is satisfied with the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. A perfect God can love and save man without compromising his righteousness or justice. This is a picture of the strategic victory of The Lord Jesus Christ. Col. 2:14-15, Heb. 2:14. With this act Satan's back was broken.

Two Anchors

You are anchored down here during this life--doctrine is the factor. You are anchored up there and it will last for all eternity--and this refers to your relationship with Jesus Christ. The reason for the double analogy is quite clear. The anchor for the soul portrays doctrinal stability in life's storms. This is doctrine in the soul. The entering in behind the veil guarantees that we will ride out the storm. He has already attained the victory and we will eventually attain it.

DOCTRINE AND POSITIONAL TRUTH ARE THE TWO GREAT TRUTHS HERE.

Jesus had entered into heaven and we will enter into heaven too. One deals with shadows, the other deals with realities. All doctrine comes together at this point.

HEBREWS 6:20 "Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." "Whither" is an adverb of place from hopou and it refers to the place where Christ now is at the right hand of God the Father. "The forerunner" is from prodromos and it means to run in advance. He goes out on the

point in advance. The one man on the advance point, the God man, and he is out there at that vantage point looking out after our interests. We one day will be at the right hand side of God, and Christ is our advance guard. We have "on behalf of us" from huper su. So this phrase says, "Where the advance guard on behalf of us has entered." "Has entered" is an aorist, active, indicative of eiserchomai. This is culminative aorist and is the sum total of all the whole victory Christ has achieved.

A Return To Hebrews 5:10

You remember that he dropped the discussion of Christ as the Great Royal High Priest back in Hebrews 5:10 and now here he will pick it up again. Back in Hebrews 5:10 we have the word "called" of God as High Priest. Here we have a much stronger word. Here we have the word "made" and it is the aorist, active, participle of ginomai and it means "having become." It is a nomic aorist and this means that this is so definite that it is axiomatic. Through the cross, the resurrection and the ascension, he became something that he was not before. He became our great Royal High Priest forever. Next we have "after the order of" and that's not a good translation. It means "according to the norm or standard of the battalion of Melchisedec." The word "order" is from taxzis and it means "battalion." This is the highest priesthood there is. So Jesus has replaced all other priests and has become the Royal High Priest forever. This is the highest battalion. And by the resurrection we will be a part of it. OUR GREAT ROYAL HIGH PRIEST IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.