

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

November 7, 2021

What is Your Anchor (Hebrews 6:13-20)

Olivia and I just celebrated our 24th anniversary back in September which got me thinking about other anniversaries we have celebrated over the years. For our fifth wedding anniversary back in 2002, we took a Caribbean cruise on what was, at the time, the largest cruise ship in the world. It measured over 137,000 gross tonnage which was almost three times the size of the Titanic. Incidentally, as of 2021, the largest cruise ship is over 228,000 gross tonnage and can hold up to 8,800 people (passengers and crew), so that previous record has clearly been eclipsed.

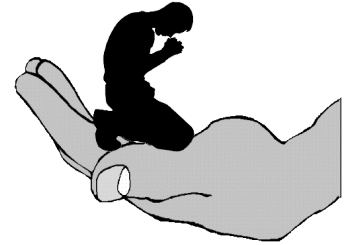
Anyway, on that cruise back in 2002, I remember videos constantly playing around the ship highlighting the amazing structural and technological achievements in the construction of the vessel. One of those that was highlighted was that even with its massive size, the boat never needed to drop an anchor because computer-controlled thrusters around the outside of the hull could keep its position perfectly locked in when the ship needed to remain stationary. I'm sure this is commonplace today but was apparently a big deal 20 years ago. This capability was confirmed to us when we stopped at a private peninsula owned by the cruise line. The ship was *parked* in the bay all day, yet when we took a tender boat to the shore it was obvious that no anchor, ropes, or other supports were being utilized to hold the position of the massive vessel.

The same cannot be said of our journey through life. Without an anchor we will most definitely end up off-course and out of position.

Fortunately, God has provided us with an anchor that will never fail as described in Hebrews:

Hebrews 6:13-20 (ESV)

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently



"I will love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies."

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- The youth service for November will be next Sunday night, the 14th, at Hilldale

waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Through God's promises we have hope (confidence) that our future is secure. This promise from God was manifested in the coming of His Son who has now gone "behind the curtain" where we have confidence that we will one day be joined with Him in Glory. The phrase "behind the curtain" is an allusion to the high priest entering behind the veil of the tabernacle (temple) on Yom Kippur to make atonement for the people. The Hebrew writer is obviously using this language to refer to Christ as our eternal high priest being in heaven on our behalf. Unlike the high priest in the tabernacle, we know that we will follow Him "behind the curtain," because of what He has done for us. This is our anchor!

As humans, it is tempting to look to the things of this world as an anchor such as money, career, or success. All of these things will ultimately fail, and there can only be one true anchor of the soul that will never move. This is God and His promises. What are we trying to use as our anchor?

PRAYER LIST

- **Tammy Reed** will have eye surgery Tuesday
- **Freddie Brown** has been diagnosed with liver cancer
- **Lowell Gregory** went home Friday and is doing better
- Continue to remember **Kristine Garrett, Faye Waller, John Hayes, and Ann Reed**

SERVING TODAY (November 7, 2021)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: J. Gupton
Prayer: M. Reed

WORSHIP

Read: E. Walker
Wait On Table: D. Billingsley
Serve: J. Demonbreun, C. Baker
Prayer: J. Baker