

AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL ~ Hebrews 6:9-20

→ Scripture Reading Matthew 25:34-40 (NLT)

INTRODUCTION

If you keep in mind that the emphasis in this section is on *making spiritual progress*, you will steer safely through misinterpretations... ~Wiersbe

BE DILIGENT ~ Hebrews 6:9-12

[9] Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case--things that accompany salvation. [10] God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. [11] We want each of you to show this same DILIGENCE to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. [12] We do not want you to become LAZY, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

APPLICATION

Matthew 25:34-40 (NLT) For I was **hungry**, and you fed me. I was **thirsty**, and you gave me a drink. I was a **stranger**, and you invited me into your home. [36] I was **naked**, and you gave me clothing. I was **sick**, and you cared for me. I was in **prison**, and you visited me.' [37] "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever... [40] "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, **when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!**'

Galatians 6:7 (JBP) Don't be under any illusion: you cannot make a fool of God! A man's harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows.

Galatians 6:9-10 (ESV) And **let us not grow weary** of doing good, for in due season **WE WILL REAP, if we do not give up**. [10] So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

TRUST God...

- believe His Promises
- do Not Grow Weary
- keep On Doing Good

WHAT DO WE REAP?

- Spiritual Maturity
- Peace and Security
- WELL DONE Faithful Servant

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES ~ Hebrews 6:13-20

[13] When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, [14] saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." [15] And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

Genesis 22:16 -17 (NIV) ...I **swear by myself**, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars...

PROMISE TO ABRAHAM INVOLVED Holman NT Com

- a **SON** by Sarah
- **MANY** descendants
- less **ALL** nations

PATIENCE means that time does not dim our hope, because time has no bearing on the promise's delivery. **Waiting is OK!** ~ Life App Com

[16] Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. [17] Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. [18] God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.

→ **God swearing by Himself signifies that He binds His Word to His character** Constable

[18] God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. [19] We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, [20] where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

APPLICATION

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NLT) But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, “**Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.** [2] When you go through DEEP WATERS, I will be with you. When you go through RIVERS OF DIFFICULTY, you will NOT drown. When you walk THROUGH THE FIRE of oppression, you will NOT be burned up; the flames will not consume you. [3] **For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...**

GOD SAYS TO US... (IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORM AND FIRE)

- do NOT be afraid
- you are MINE
- I will be WITH you
- I will PROTECT you
- I AM the Lord YOUR God

**I can feel the anchor fast - As I meet each sudden blast,
And cable, though unseen - Bears the heavenly strain between;
Through the storm I safely ride - Till the turning of the tide
And it holds - my anchor holds
Blow your wildest, then, O gale - On my ship so small and frail;
By His grace I shall not fail - For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.** ~ D. B Towner

TAKE AWAY ??

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NIV) Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. [25] Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but **we do it to get a crown that will last forever.** [26] Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. [27] No, **I beat my body and make it my slave** so that after I have preached to others, **I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.**

→ **This is really a challenge to FINISH WELL - do NOT be Disqualified**

Growing-Maturing Christians do not outlive their usefulness. If we are still here, God is still working. Never think for a moment you have seen the last of God. Beth Moore

QUESTIONS

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