



Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him **a name which is above every name:**

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

Prov. 18:10 **The name of the LORD is a strong tower:** the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Psa. 34:3 O magnify the LORD with me, and **let us exalt his name together.**

Our text for tonight is Heb. 6:17-20.

Heb. 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath:

18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19 Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Last week, we considered four titles within Isa. 25:4 about the characteristics of Christ. Tonight, we observe how the Lord Jesus is “an anchor of the soul” as we possess hope in His promises.

I. THE CONFIRMATION OF GOD’S PROMISES, 6:17

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- ❖ God desires that believers know and have assurance of the veracity of His promises, “...willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise...”
- ❖ God wants believers to have confidence in “...the immutability of his counsel...”
- ❖ God wants believers to understand that the totality of hope is in Christ.

II. THE CHANGELESSNESS OF GOD'S PROMISES, 6:18a

“That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie...”

IMMU'TABLE, *adjective* [Latin immutabilis; in and mutabilis.] invariable; unalterable; not capable or susceptible of change.

That by two *immutable* things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation. Hebrews 6:18.

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/immutable>

❖ God expresses two concerns for believers:

1. His promises are immutable – changeless:
2. It is impossible for Him to lie.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie**, promised before the world began;

Rom. 3:4 God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar**; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

III. THE CONSOLATION OF GOD'S PROMISES, 6:18b –
“...we might have a strong consolation, who have
fled for refuge to lay hold upon **the hope set before
us:**”

- ❖ When a believer's faith is challenged, God has provided “...a strong consolation...” to those “...who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:”

Original Word: ἰσχυρός; **Transliteration:** ischuro;

Definition: strong, mighty

Usage: strong (originally and generally of physical strength); mighty, powerful, vehement, sure.

isxyrós (an adjective, derived from *isxys*, "engaging, combative strength") – *mighty, strong*. For the believer, (*isxyrós*) is God's power "standing by" – ready to *unleash* itself to bring about His preferred-will, through faith. This *engaging* strength is *always and immediately available* from the Lord, which accomplishes *His assignments* (cf. 1 Jn 5:4).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2478.htm>

❖ Believers have “hope set before us” as well as propitiation and the crucifixion:

Rom. 3:25 Whom **God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Gal. 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes **Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified** among you?

IV. THE COMFORT OF GOD'S PROMISES, 6:19

Heb. 6:19 Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

❖ The Lord Jesus Christ is THE HOPE of the believer that is “an anchor of the soul.”

1 Tim. 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and **Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;**

- ❖ The soul represents the true entity of the believer, and “anchor of the soul” indicates that the “anchor “ and “the soul” are connected by “hope.”

Gen. 2:7 And **the LORD God formed man** of the dust of the ground, **and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

- ❖ When the storms of life are ravaging the soul of the believer, the stabilizing strength and assurance that is the anchor of the believer’s soul, “...both sure and steadfast...” is the Lord Jesus Christ.

❖ When the challenges of life are over, the Lord Jesus Christ continues as paves the way for believers to enter the ultimate harbor of rest, as our “...high priest for ever...”

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Conclusion

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Titus 2:13 Looking for **that blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of **the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.