"An Anchor of the Soul" Pt. II

Heb 6:13-20 - 13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply you." 15 And thus, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise. 16 For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute. 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, 18 in order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, 20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Intro: Here in our present text the Author speaks of the unshakable _____________ of our salvation as ___________ by God through Christ Jesus.

A. And so did he desire to instill that same heavenly ________________ in the believing Hebrews: that they were saved and that God would keep them as He alone makes and fulfills His own ________________.

B. As we learned last Lord's Day, in the portion of the scripture that is before us we have an illustration of _____ (Heb. 6:13-16) and the application of it under the _______ Covenant (Heb. 6:17-20).

1. Abraham ________________ God. He knew that God was completely trustworthy and more than capable in accomplishing that which He promised. And so was God ________________ to His own name for as He promised and Abraham believed, so did Abraham ________________ what He promised, with the believing Hebrew peoples themselves being the very fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham.

C. Now, let us learn this Lord's Day how to ___________ the illustration of faith under the Old Covenant _____ our _________ under the New Covenant in Jesus, for He is the Christ.

I. In the _________ way that ______ dealt with Abraham in regard to His promise, so has He dealt with the heirs of the promise.

A. Just as with Abraham where God made His covenant promise ___ Abraham ___________ ___________ __________ Abraham, so is it with the heirs of the promise of salvation.

1. ______ alone ___ the cause and means of our ________________. We are but the blessed recipients of His decree and work.

B. In God deeply desiring to show (to _______________ _________) the unchangeableness of His purpose (in His covenant to Abraham) even more (clearly and certain) to the heirs of that covenant, so did He interpose (_______________ for the benefit of man) with an oath.

II. God established the _______________ of His people by two ________________ things.

A. They are 1) His _______________ and 2) His ________.
B. The promise stands as God’s _________ and the oath drives out the variable of man. So we know then with ____________ certainty that God will indisputably fulfill His promise!

C. We are sure of God’s promise and oath for ______ cannot ______ for He will ______ lie.

D. ______ gave His promise and made His oath ______ , for our strong encouragement.

   1. See how ______ for you providing His promise and oath to grant you such a strong and heavenly encouragement so you would ____________ to the end!

III. The ______ we have in the God of our salvation, who is the God of the promise and oath, is an ______________ of our soul!

   A. Our ________ is an anchor to our soul as it is anchored ___ ______ where He sits on the mercy seat!

   B. How did we get anchored into the mercy seat of God? Oh, our Great High Priest Christ _____________, who is taken from among men so as to represent man to God, who was appointed by God as God said, "Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee"; who during the days of His flesh offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, who was heard because of His piety; He who though He was a Son learned obedience from the things which He suffered, and who having completed the work of God on our behalf became to all those who believe in Him the source of eternal salvation, He has entered through the veil once for all time, being the forerunner _____ ____!

   C. Puritan Samuel Rutherford wrote, “Our hope is ______ hung upon such an untwisted thread as, ‘I ____________ so,’ or ‘It is likely’; ______ the cable, the strong rope of our fastened anchor, is the oath and promise of Him who is eternal verity (__________). Our salvation is fastened with God’s own hand, and Christ’s own strength, to the strong stake of God’s unchangeable nature.”

Closing: We have an ______________ of the soul for we hope in the God of the promise and oath, and according to His promise and oath Christ has gone before us securing our salvation in the heavens. Let us then imitate Abraham ______________ ______ at His Word, for God shall not fail!

   A. So, when darkness hides His lovely face, rest on His unchanging __________. In every high and stormy gale, your anchor ________ within the veil. His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support you in the whelming flood. When all around your soul gives way, _____ then ____ all your ____________ and Stay.

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