

## HEBREWS 6

### JESUS, THE ANCHOR OF MY SOUL

The Apostle Paul was speaking about becoming mature in the Lord in the last 4 verses of CH 5... He was talking about the Great High Priest, JESUS!... AKA, Melchizedek...

**Hebrews 5:11** of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. **(CEV – Slow to understand.)**

- This was NOT a compliment... The Apostle is a little disappointed that the Hebrews are still struggling with basic theology. They are struggling with Jesus being THE Eternal High Priest.
  - They are struggling with salvation by faith alone and not of works.
- They want to rely on rituals and religion.
  - Paul will wrap up his thought by telling them that they need to anchor their faith in Jesus! But he continued in CH 5...

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first **(basic)** principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a baby. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

### HE CONTINUES... TIME TO MATURE!

**Hebrews 6:1** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, **(Maturity)** not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from dead works and of **faith** toward God, 2 of the doctrine of **baptisms**, of **laying on of hands**, of **resurrection** of the dead, and of **eternal judgment**. 3 And this we will do if God permits.

**COURSON** - Here the author lists six basic foundational principles every believer should understand:

- Repentance—both from sin and from trying to earn salvation through

works

- Faith
- Baptism—both water baptism and the baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Laying on of hands—finding your spiritual gift and being empowered for service
- Resurrection—including end-times teaching, the Rapture of the Church, and the millennium
- Eternal judgment – How many times is sin judged? **(This will get many of you researching today...)**

**If you're a teacher, these are six areas you should be teaching new believers. And if you are a new believer, I encourage you to explore these very important principles of our faith.**

### **A TERRIBLE WARNING!**

4 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, **(IE, saw the light)** and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

- This is someone who has given EVERY indication of being saved... They saw the light... They tasted salvation... They received the Holy Spirit and bore fruit of all of these things... THEN...

6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

- Chuck Smith warns that this is a favorite verse of our enemy to use against us...
  - This verse is NOT warning against sin that separates us from God. We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... **Romans 3:23**
  - If we say that we have not sinned, we are liars... **1 John 1:8**
  - If we confess our sin, He is faithful and will forgive and cleanse us - **1 John 1:9.**
  - This verse is speaking of those who denounce the Gospel. If you have ever known an apostate, and sadly, I have, they are people who once seemed saved, but now advocate AGAINST God... And God's people. They were once OF us, but now think the Gospel is

foolish. If you ask them, they will tell about how wise they have become...

- **Romans 1:22** Professing to be wise, they became fools,

## WATCH FOR FRUIT

7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; 8 but if it bears thorns and briers, *it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.*

**NLT - When the ground soaks up the falling rain and bears a good crop for the farmer, it has God's blessing. 8 But if a field bears thorns and thistles, it is useless. The farmer will soon condemn that field and burn it.**

- This is very sad for me to think about those once Good Godly men stood shoulder to shoulder for the Lord with us... And now consider their time with us to have been wasted...
  - Looking back, I can see that their falling away started with a single disappointment... A tragedy... A betrayal of some kind that they let develop into a spiritual cancer of unforgiveness and bitterness.
    - Their serenity turned into cynicism.
      - Instead of declaring that God is good... They began to wonder, "If God is good, then why did He let bad things happen to me?"
    - AS IF IT WAS GOD WHO BROUGHT SIN INTO THIS WORLD!

9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, **things that accompany salvation**, though we speak in this manner.

- **Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, *(And love brings)* joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.

10 For God is not unjust to forget your work *(IE, He will not forget)* and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. **Attend to...**

- **Find a place to attend to God's people... Find YOUR place to attend to God's people... Log onto the online directory and pray for the Saints listed there...**

## OUR WISH FOR YOU

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope **until the end**, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

- **We are SO blessed to have wonderful examples in our Calvary Chapel movement to imitate.**
  - Were they all perfect examples? Nah!
- **What were they? Simple, grateful, faithful, and dedicated servant leaders who served one another using Jesus Christ's example of washing feet and humbling themselves.**
  - If you haven't seen the "Jesus Revolution" movie yet – There is a scene where some of the older folks are offended that the hippies are coming into church barefooted. Their "Dirty feet" is staining the new carpet. SO... As the complainers arrive at the next service they notice that there is a line of hippies to get in. There is a line because Chuck Smith was washing the feet of every hippie before they came in...
- **Find YOUR place to wash feet...**

## THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S PROMISE

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "SURELY BLESSING I WILL BLESS YOU, AND MULTIPLYING I WILL MULTIPLY YOU."  
**GENESIS 22**

- CCSV, how long did Abraham wait to have the promised son by Sarah?

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

- SO... God gives Abe & Sarah the promised son... And then, what did God ask Abe to do? SACRIFICE HIM. **Disappointing? If God is SO good, why would He ask this? NO!**

- Abraham made the sacrifice of Isaac GOD'S problem... IE, Lord, if You want to slay my son, I know you will raise him up!

## GOD CANNOT FAIL

16 For men indeed swear by the greater, **(IE, something greater than themselves)** and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute.

- What do we swear on? Bible
  - Some of us, "I swear on a STACK of bibles..."
    - I sweat on a train car full of KJV Bibles!!!!!! Stop!

17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability **(Perfectly sure)** of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which **it is impossible for God to lie**, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of **the hope** set before *us*.

- Beloved, All of the promises of God are as sure to us as on the Day that He made them to Adam & Eve... To Noah... To Abraham... And to His own Son, Jesus Christ.
  - This hope is sure! It is rock solid! Firm! Steadfast! Faithful! Reliable! And... Eternal!

## OUR ANCHOR HOLDS

19 This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence *behind* the veil, **NLT - It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.**

20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lynette and I have been blessed to have sailed in a timeshare club throughout the Caribbean Islands. One of the things we learned about right away is the importance of setting AND recovering the anchor.

A few times on our trips we were awakened by the anchor alarm... When the anchor starts to drag, the boat's electronics senses it and wakes everybody up on the boat.

One of the strangest surprises to us as we learned to scuba dive and even snorkel was how many abandoned anchors there are on the Ocean's bottom!

What kind of sloppy sailor cuts his rope and sails away from his anchor? What would motivate you to do that?

Disaster?

Haste?

Laziness? (I have dived a few times to free up an anchor!)

How would you be able to safely rest in the next harbor without an anchor?

In 1911 Priscilla Owens wrote:

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

Refrain:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love!