

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for March 8, 2015**

**An Anchored Hope**  
**Hebrews 6:19-20**

After the author had softened his harsh warning he emphasized God's trustworthiness and thus the certainty of their future hope (Hebrews 6:13-20).

The author began with the example of Abraham (Hebrews 6:13-15).

The author then elaborated on the finality of oaths (Hebrews 6:16-18).

The author, in concluding his emphasis on God's trustworthiness and the certainty of his readers' future hope, reintroduced the topic of Christ's heavenly high priestly ministry (Hebrews 6:19-20).

The hope that this author referred to in Hebrews 6:19, is the same hope that he referred to in Hebrews 6:18, which we determined to be the hope of heaven.

Taking hold of the hope of heaven would, like a literal anchor, provide his readers spiritual stability and thus protect them from various forces that might draw them away and cause them spiritual loss.

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The author considered the hope of heaven, that he was encouraging his readers to take hold of, as "sure" and "steadfast," because he saw that hope as being anchored inside the "veil."

The "veil" is a reference to the curtain that had separated the "holy place" of the tabernacle from the "holy of holies" where God's presence was manifested.

Though the veil, under the old covenant, once stood as a picture of separation, it now, under the new covenant, stands as a picture of access made possible through Christ's death (Matthew 27:50-51).

Under the old covenant, the high priest entered the earthly holy of holies once a year as a representative, but under the new covenant, Christ our high priest has entered the heavenly holy of holies as our forerunner.

May God give us the grace to continuously take hold of the hope that has been set before us so that we in having our hope anchored to Christ inside the veil might be spiritually protected from drifting away.

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