

The Anchor of Our Soul

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Introduction

Good morning. It is a joy to be back with you here at 16th Avenue Gospel Chapel this morning. It is always a privilege to gather with God's people, to look into His Word, and to encourage one another in our most holy faith.

Today, I want to speak to you on the theme of hope. Specifically, the hope that acts as an anchor for our souls. We live in a world that is constantly shifting, constantly changing. Every single day, we are bombarded with news and events that can easily cause our hearts to fail us for fear. But as believers, we have a steadfast assurance. We have a **solid rock** on which we stand.

The Unchanging Character of God

When we think about our lives, we often find ourselves tossed to and fro by the winds of circumstance. But God's promises are absolutely sure. He has given us His Word, and He has confirmed it with an oath. Why? So that we might have **strong encouragement** to hold fast to the hope set before us.

This hope is not wishful thinking. It is not like saying, "I hope it rains tomorrow," or "I hope things get better." No, biblical hope is a **confident expectation** of future good based on the character of a faithful God. He cannot lie. It is absolutely impossible for God to lie. Therefore, every single promise He has made to you and to me is **100% reliable**.

An Anchor for the Soul

And so, we have this hope as an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast. Think about that picture of an anchor. An anchor is not thrown inside the boat; it is cast outward, into the depths, holding the vessel firm against the raging tide. Our anchor is not cast into the shifting sands of this world. Our anchor is hooked into the very presence of God, behind the veil, where Jesus has entered on our behalf.

No matter what storm you are facing today—whether it is a trial in your family, a difficulty in your health, or an uncertainty about your future—your anchor **will hold**. It cannot slip, because the One who holds the other end of the chain is Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Let us cling to Him, let us rest in His finished work, and let us walk in the joy of His salvation. Amen.