

Anchored in Life  
Sunday, June 13, 2021

- \* Let's not live life as a "victim of circumstances"!! Yes, things happen, but by grace and through faith in Christ Jesus I don't have to continue to live "under the circumstances"!
- \* Jesus says you and I are "in the world but not of the world"! We are of God's Kingdom by rebirth and redemption, but we still live in this world!

Hebrews 6:10-15 (NIV)

10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. 11 We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. 12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. 13 When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." 15 And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

- I. Let's first begin with the question of what does God want anchored! Obviously, hope...but what does that really mean?
  - A. The Lord seems to be pointing out the He wants us to feel secure and confident in our relationship with Him!
    - 1. God is Just!
    - 2. He sees our love and outreach to others!
    - 3. He says He wants this compassion to continue our entire lives!
    - 4. Then, He says something really incredible!
  - B. Imitate others who have inherited the promises!
    - 1. There seems to be a "life principle" throughout scripture!
    - 2. Since we are presently in two Kingdoms, the Kingdom of God and we are still living in this worldly kingdom, we often need EXAMPLES in our lives!

Ephesians 5:1-2 (PHILLIPS)

1-2 As children copy their fathers you, as God's children, are to copy him. Live your lives in love—the same sort of love which Christ gives us and which he perfectly expressed when he gave himself up for us in sacrifice to God.

3. Jesus expressed this dual existence in His prayer in the Garden!

John 17:11, 13-19, 25-26

11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

4. Paul makes an incredible statement to the Corinthian church!

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

C. There is another person who many of us had as an example...  
our Mothers!

II. So, back to the original question...what does God want anchored?

A. Our SOULS!

1. Is God simply saying He wants us in heaven one day?

2. As we read the context of this passage in Hebrews, we can see that the Lord is speaking of our condition rather than our destination!
3. The word "soul" is the Greek word "psuche" which means "breath of life!"
4. This is "the core of who you are outwardly!"

B. God has so much to say about our ability to change and be anchored!

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Proverbs 16:32 (NIV)

32 Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.

Proverbs 25:28 (NIV)

28 Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

III. The word "anchor" means "an arm that holds securely regardless of the circumstances!"

A. The Amplified version of Hebrews 6:19 is amazing!

Hebrews 6:19

19 This hope [this confident assurance] we have as an anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whatever pressure bears upon it]—a safe and steadfast hope that enters within the veil [of the heavenly temple, that most Holy Place in which the very presence of God dwells],

B. There are three (3) words used to describe this anchor!

1. "Firm" - This word originates from two different Greek words: Not and Totter. You see the obvious meaning!
2. "Secure" - This is a word that means: Will not break down under pressure!
3. "One that enters behind the curtain" - This indicates that the very source of this strength comes from the presence of God!
4. When we put this all together, could we say it this way?

"When we are anchored in the Lord, we are held up and not even tottering under the pressures of life! The strength to live this victorious life come from spending time in God's presence."