

An Easter Reflection

**“Hope springs eternal in the human breast:
Man never is, but always to be blest.
The soul, uneasy and confined from home,
Rests and expatiates in a life to come.”**

(Alexander Pope, 1732)

An Anchor of the Soul

Hebrews 6:18-20

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 so, 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 so 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 to take hold of the hope set before us. ¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, 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.

(Hebrews 6:13-20)

Strong Encouragement

- The author expresses as strongly as possible the reliability of God's promise based on God's character

Strong Encouragement

1. A Description of Believers

- we are refugees! – we have fled from danger to a place of safety
- we are those who hold continually to the reality of future hope

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2. A Description of Hope



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- it is a sure and steady anchor that keeps us from drifting away and from ultimate loss
- this hope/anchor is secured in the very dwelling place of God to which we have present access

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3. A Description of Jesus

- He has entered “inside the veil” (God’s heavenly dwelling) as a high priest forever
- He has entered as a “forerunner for us” – He secures our access into God’s presence forever

²⁴ Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.

²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

(Hebrews 7:24-25)