



## **The God I Wish You Knew - October 18, 2015 - The God that is the Anchor of Your Soul**

### **Introduction**

The winds and waves of life can get overwhelming. There are times when the storms of life become deadly. Without an anchor, our soul can easily be swept away. God says that His promise and His oath act as a sure and steadfast anchor for our soul.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have you ever been on a boat or out by the water when a sudden storm arose? What was the experience like? What did you end up doing to protect yourself from the storm?
2. Have you ever been going along in life and everything seemed to be working out perfectly when all of the sudden something tragic or unexpected happened and suddenly you found yourself weathering a difficult challenge? Please share your experience and how you handled it.
3. As most all of us are aware, life can be uncertain, what are some ways you prepare yourself for the uncertain or unexpected things in life?
4. In the message Jon said; "Storms in life are inevitable & life on our own is unmanageable" Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
5. Read [Hebrews 6:13-20](#). What does God say is the anchor for your soul? Have you found this to be true for you?

### **Moving Forward**

In Hebrews 6 we find that The anchor for your soul is the hope YOU have in the promises and oath of God. A few points to consider when you throw the anchor of your soul into the rock that is God and His promises and oath:

1. There is always an interval between the promise and the performance.
  - **The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. - [2 Peter 3:9 \(ESV\)](#)**
2. The interval is a test of your endurance which is an opportunity for YOU to discover a greater hope in God's promises and oath.
  - **More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope - [Romans 5:3&4 \(ESV\)](#)**
    - T.S. Eliot once said: "Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go." - T.S. Eliot
3. When you patiently endure the interval you receive God's promises and oath which strengthens your hope for life's next storm.
  - **but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.** - [Isaiah 40:31](#)

### **Changing Your Mind - Commit this to memory**

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. - [Hebrews 6:19-20 \(ESV\)](#)