

THE BOOK OF  
**HEBREWS**

JESUS IS GREATER

**An Anchor for our Soul**  
**Hebrews 6:13-20**

**Hebrews 2:1 (NIV)** <sup>[1]</sup> We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

**Hebrews 3:1 (NIV)** <sup>[1]</sup> Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

**Hebrews 4:1 (NIV)** <sup>[1]</sup> Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.

**Hebrews 4:14 (NIV)** <sup>[14]</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

# I. God's promise

## A. Confirmed through an oath

**Genesis 22:15-18 (NIV)** <sup>[15]</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>[16]</sup> and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>[17]</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>[18]</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

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**Hebrews 6:13-16 (NIV)** <sup>[13]</sup> When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, <sup>[14]</sup> saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." <sup>[15]</sup> And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. <sup>[16]</sup> Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument.

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*"The degree that you value and esteem the basis of your oath, to that degree your word can be trusted"* [John Piper

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*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,  
Thou changest not, Thy compassion's, they fail  
not,*

*As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.*

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# I. God's promise

## B. Received as promised

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see.*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

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### B. Manifests His resolve

### III. God's gift

#### A. A rope to hang on to

**Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)** <sup>[19]</sup> We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

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### III. God's gift

#### B. Jesus at the other end.

**Hebrews 6:20 (NIV)** <sup>[20]</sup> where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

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**The Anchor Keeps Us From Fearing the Future**

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**The Anchor Keeps Us From Capsizing in the Storms**

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### III. God's gift

*1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

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### III. God's gift

*2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

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### III. God's gift

*3. His oath, His covenant, and blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When every earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

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*4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

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