

THE PURPOSE OF HOPE

Hebrews 6:17-20

**Our future is secure because it is held by Jesus,
our true Hope.**

The purpose of Hope is to...

...**assure** us that God's promises will not **fail**. (vv. 17-18)

...**steady** us so we do not **drift**. (v. 19a)

...**fix** our hearts **beyond** the present moment. (v. 19b)

...**remind** us of our **future** with Jesus because He has already gone ahead. (v. 20)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What does Hebrews mean when it says hope is an “anchor for the soul”? How is biblical hope different from wishful thinking or optimism?
Heb. 6:19, Ps. 62:5, Is. 26:3
2. Why does God swear an oath if His promises are already trustworthy? What does this reveal about God's character? What does it reveal about human weakness and doubt?
Heb. 6:17-18, Titus 1:2, Num. 23:19
3. How does knowing that Jesus has gone “behind the veil” change the way we face uncertainty? What does it mean that Jesus is our “forerunner”? How does this shape our view of the future?
Heb. 6:19-20, 4:14-16, John 14:2-3
4. Where are you most tempted to anchor your hope somewhere other than Christ? Success? Health? Relationships? Finances? Control? How do those “anchors” fail under pressure?
Ps. 20:7, Jer. 17:5-8, Col. 1:27
5. As we enter a new year, what would it look like to live as people anchored in hope? How might hope shape: your decisions? Your prayers? Your response to hardship?
Rom. 15:13, 1 Peter 1:3-5, Heb. 10:23

