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Anchors in the Storms of Life
Hebrews 6:18-20

INTRO: We need an anchor and the Bible says we have an anchor. We need an anchor because we live in difficult times+ difficult times morally, politically, and spiritually (II Tim 3:1-8). The Devil is seeking to wear out the true believers (Dan 7:25). The Devil knows his time is short (Rev 12:12 "He knoweth he hateth but a short time.").

We have an anchor in Jesus, and we have anchors to hold us firm in our struggles.

1. THE ANCHOR OF THE BLOOD

1. There is no salvation without the blood. Our sins cannot be taken away without the atonement (Heb 9:22).
2. *There is a fountain, filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stain.*
3. Do not deny the importance of the blood! The death of Christ without the shedding of blood is not enough (Eph 1:57; Col 1:14).
 1. Not only did Christ die. He rose again (Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 15:3-4).
 2. Heb 9:11-15; I Peter 1:18-21.

2. THE ANCHOR OF THE BOOK

1. The song, "In Times Like These" says: "In times like these we need the Bible..."
2. Friends, in times like these, we have the Bible: not a Bible, but the Bible.
 1. We have a God breathed book (II Tim 3:16). The Bible is inspired.
 2. We have a preserved book (Psa 12:6-7).
 3. The Bible is protected book (I Peter 1:23-25).
3. We are to proclaim the Word for it is an anchor (II Tim 4:2).
4. We need the Bible so we will not be tossed about with every wind of doctrine. Ephesians 4:14 *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every word of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.*
5. How Firm a Foundation+ How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? (favorite hymn of Gen. Robert E. Lee & J. Vernon McGee).

3. THE ANCHOR OF THE BLESSED HOPE

1. Jesus is coming again. The second coming is spoken of 320 times in the New Testament. One out of every twenty-five verses speaks of the second coming (I Thes 4:14-18).
2. The message of the soon coming of the Lord will motivate us to service (Titus 2:13-15).
3. The second coming will cause us to desire to live pure lives (I John 3:1-3).

4. THE ANCHOR OF THE BODY, THE LOCAL CHURCH (MT 16:18)
 1. The church is where we are fed spiritually. It is in the church that we are built up and prepared for the wedding feast of the Bride (Eph 4:11-13).
 1. The saints of God are to desire the Word (I Pet 2:2).
 2. We need to attend a Bible believing church where we can be fed.
 2. It is through the local church that we are to send out missionaries to get the Gospel message spread throughout the world.
 3. We are to love the church. Christ did (Acts 20:28).
 4. We are to serve the church as unto the Lord for this will glorify God (Eph 3:21).

CONCLUSION: Cast out the anchor of the Blood, the Book, the Blessed Hope, and the local church. These anchors will hold in any storm that you can face. They will hold fast (I Cor 15:58).