

“You are Anchored!”

Acts 27:13-44

Hebrews 6:18-19 NLT-So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the **hope** that lies before us. This **hope** is a strong and trustworthy **ANCHOR** (emphasis-mine) for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.

***Anchor**-a heavy object that is dropped into the water to prevent a boat from moving. *Synonyms include: Cornerstone, bulwark, foundation, Adj., include: stable, unmoving, rooted, secure, set, soldered, solid, sound, stationary, steady, strong, sturdy

An anchor is built to withstand the fiercest of storms . We are anchored **TO GOD**, where He sits on His throne in His inner sanctuary. No person, circumstance, storm, or enemy scheme can keep us from His love and faithfulness.

God's hold on you is stronger than your hold on Him. He's relying on Himself (not you) to get you safely home. This is not to say that your choices don't matter. Just the opposite is true. **You are here on this earth to walk intimately with God and to partner with Him to accomplish His purposes on earth.**

Outlasting the Storm!

Acts 27:13-They set out with a fair wind; *the south wind blew softly,...*

There arose against them a tempestuous wind. This wind the sailors called Euroclydon, a north-east wind, which upon those seas was in a particular manner troublesome and dangerous. It's the only storm named in Scripture. **It means “typhoon”**

The ship was exceedingly tossed; v. 18; it was kicked like a football from wave to wave. The ship could not possibly bear up into the wind;

Acts 27:27-29-They were 14 nights driven up and down in Adria, in the Adriatic Sea, a part of the Mediterranean, extending to the African shore; and knew not whereabouts they were. Rain pouring in torrents...Jamison, Fausset and Brown-They had an abundance of winter weather: They ‘wished for day’... devoutly or anxiously ‘wished for day’...Matthew Henry

Then, fearing lest we should run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come. Acts 27:29-



1. The Presence of God

v.23-For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,

Ps 121:1-2-“I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence comes my help. My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth”

***Mountains block us-they are big-you must have faith in someone bigger than your mountain...**

Keep your eyes on Jesus!

Hebrews 12:2- Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.(A)

***One author states, ‘Wherever your eyes are fastened, in time of trouble that will be the direction you flee.’**

Ps. 32:7-You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

*You must get alone with Him, where the lights and the darkness of this world cannot interfere and where the opinions of others cannot reach you. You must also have the courage to wait in silent expectation, even when everyone around you is insisting on an immediate decision or action. If you will do these things the will of God will become clear to you. And you will have a deep concept of Who He is, having more insight into His nature and His heart of love. David, a 6th-Century Welsh Saint



2. The Promises of God/Prayers to God

v.24-saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.

*Always remember, God in you is bigger than any storm you’ll ever face! God is able! You are going to make it!

*Tack, or the act of “tacking the sail”-When used as a nautical term- a rope which holds down the corner of a sail, holding the boat together, keeping it in tact, while the winds blow from left to right.

*Prayer, application of the Word of God, one reinforcing the other, holds us together, keeping us intact, while the winds are blowing from left to right!

*"Prayer takes perseverance and perspective. Prayers require a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and strategy from God's Word. Standing strong and praying through those times-in-between calls for holy grit and God's abundant grace." Susie Larson

Psalm 119:89-Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Romans 4:21-...and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Luke 17:20-21-The Kingdom of God is within you!

1 John 4:4-Greater is He Who is in me than he who is in the world.

*Anchor yourself to the promises of God! The promises of God will work for you!



3. The Providence of God/The Purposes of God

*Don’t waste your trials! Nothing happens to a child of God that He has not allowed to grow us up in Him.

Psalm 23:5-You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.” The battle you are in will soon become a meal to you, an experience that will nourish and build you up spiritually. Frangipane

*See through and past the storm! Paul saw through the storm and past the storm to the destination where he was going. Rome!

Psalm 57:1...for my soul trusts in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have passed by.

Isaiah 25:4-For You have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat...

Romans 8:28-And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Jeremiah 29:11-For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.



4. The Performance of God

v.25-Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.

John 3:1-8-You are not struggling to get into heaven; rather, you were born there in spiritual rebirth.

Romans 8:37-Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us.

1 Peter 5:10-But may the God of all grace Who called us to His eternal glory, by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while,

1. perfect-katarizo-adjust and repair; as in ‘mending the nets’, restore; this word signifies ‘right ordering’ and ‘arrangement’.

2. establish-sterizo-to fix; to set; “stablish your hearts”....to not waiver!

3. strengthen-sthenoo-to strengthen now and well into the future...to strengthen in the inner man continually...

4. settle-to make a complete decision; a resolve; not a “consider”-to lay a foundation, as if to say, “This is what I know! I am fully persuaded!”

***Cast yourself upon the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ! Tie yourself to Him right now! In His Presence is the place where storms are conquered.**