

# Hebrews 6:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

## Analysis

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'Hope as an anchor of the soul' provides a striking metaphor—hope in God's promises stabilizes the believer like an anchor stabilizes a ship in storms. This hope is 'both sure and stedfast' (Greek 'asphales te kai bebaian'—secure and firm). The hope enters 'within the veil' into the Holy of Holies where Christ our forerunner has entered. What was once forbidden territory is now accessible through Christ.

## Historical Context

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The veil separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, restricting access to God's presence. Christ's death tore the veil (Matthew 27:51), opening access to God. Our hope is anchored in Christ's presence behind the veil.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. When storms of doubt or trouble arise, how does your hope in Christ anchor your soul?

2. What difference does it make that your hope is not in earthly circumstances but in Christ's presence with God?

## Interlinear Text

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Which	as	an anchor	hope we have	G3588	of the soul	sure	both
G3739	G5613	G45	G2192		G5590	G804	G5037
καὶ	βεβαίαν	καὶ	εἰσερχομένην	εἰς	τὸ	ἐσώτερον	τοῦ
and	stedfast	and	which entereth	into	G3588	that within	G3588
G2532	G949	G2532	G1525	G1519		G2082	
καταπετάσματος							
the veil							
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 16:2** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

**Leviticus 16:15** (Parallel theme): Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

**Hebrews 9:7** (Parallel theme): But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

**Hebrews 9:3** (Parallel theme): And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

**Psalms 43:5** (Hope): Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

**Matthew 27:51** (Parallel theme): And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

**Colossians 3:1** (Parallel theme): If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

**Psalms 42:11** (Hope): Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

**2 Timothy 2:19** (Parallel theme): Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

**Acts 27:29** (Parallel theme): Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.