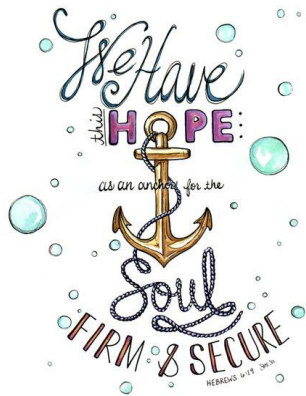


“Our Anchor of the Soul”

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Six months after Dolores and I were married one of our old cars quit working. We went shopping for a newer car. We settled on a 1968 Ford Falcon in a dark blue color. But when we tried to get financing on the car, we found that we needed a co-signer to complete the deal. We were both under the age of 21, paid cash for everything we needed and had absolutely no credit in our name. We had no phone, no credit cards and no checking account. But we paid all of our bills on time! My father-in-law had to be called in to co-sign for us, which he graciously did. He not only had pity on us, but probably wanted his daughter to be driving a newer, safer and more reliable car. And Dolores drove that car around for the next 15 years! But someone with good reliable credit had to vouch for two helpless kids with no money and no credit.



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But our God is willing to do something very similar for us. While we are spiritually bankrupt and without strength, Christ, our Savior died for us – Romans 5:6. It is now Christ, our Savior who vouches for us (a co-signer with His own blood). In Hebrews 6:18-19 the author tells us that just as Abraham’s faith in God was real and God made an oath to him in God’s own name, so our character and solid reference rests on the hope of the promise based in these same two absolute objects:

- 1) The *NAME* of God – Guarantees that His Word is magnified –Psa. 138:2.
- 2) The *OATH* of God–He keeps His promises (Impossible for God to lie).

This “hope” we have is called in verse 19 “...an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast, and which enters into that which is within the veil.” The writer uses the term, “anchor of the soul” because of the practical and life-saving use an anchor serves. Let us review just what an anchor does:

1. An anchor keeps a ship from drifting. We will drift aimlessly without Him. With Him we have stability. Our God is able “to keep us from falling (drifting) and to present us faultless (glorified) before His presence” –Jude 24. Our God is able to save us completely through Christ –Heb. 7:25.
2. An anchor is invisible, but we sure know and are relieved that it is there. When we feel we are alone, we can be assured that His invisible presence “will be with us always even to the end of the age” –Matt. 28:20, and Jesus has said He “...will never leave us nor forsake us” –Heb. 13:5.
3. An anchor grips the solid rock. Jesus is the rock of our salvation. He stated to Peter that He would build His church upon that rock, Peter’s confession that He was “...the Christ, the Son of the Living God” –Matt. 16:16-18. Our anchor (our promise and oath of the Living God) is gripping into the Rock of Ages. What better stability can we have than an anchor gripping the word of the eternal God of the universe? (Col. 1:16-17) And it enters within the *veil* – the holiest place in heaven, in Jesus’ blood.

4. An anchor is a protection in stormy waters. We are certainly living in a turbulent world today. While this year’s shooting rate in Chicago has decreased slightly, the murder rate has still gone up. Just this past month we have seen a killer earthquake in Mexico, while unprecedented hurricanes have ravaged the costal waters of Bahamas, Cuba, our Gulf and Atlantic States. We know that our God is absolutely in control, and that He will see us through in stormy waters. But what can those folks do who do not know about our anchor when they face the storms of life?

5. An anchor is the only thing that remains sure and steadfast when we are tossed about. Even if we are to go through the storm, we are assured of God’s love –John 13, His power –Matt. 28:18, His faithfulness of salvation –Heb. 7:25 and the assurance of our salvation –Heb. 5:9. Our guarantee is because of the Cross of Christ, knowing that “...He who spared not His own Son, but freely gave Him for us all will also with Him freely give us all things” –Romans 8:32. We need to flee to Him as a “...refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us” –Heb. 6:18. Jesus is our refuge in this stormy life and this hope we have as the anchor of our soul within the veil of heaven, promised by the oath of a God who cannot lie!

Are you trusting in the absolute promises of Almighty God?
Have you fled the present storm to take refuge in Jesus, our Savior?
Have you committed your life to the Savior who died and arose again, so that you will one day join Him in heaven? –Philippians 3:20-21
Is Jesus the rock of your salvation and His hope the anchor of your soul?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened in the Rock that cannot move,
Founded firm and deep in the Savior’s love.*

“We Have an Anchor” -Priscilla J. Owens

Words of Wisdom

Dr. Charles Svoboda 1919 - 2014

“God’s Word – Read it!” Eat God’s word. It is likened unto bread. It’s likened unto milk. It’s likened unto honey. It’s likened unto water. There’s a lot of good food in there so God says, “Come on and eat!” We starve ourselves, don’t we? We wonder why we get into trouble. We get into trouble when we fail to read God’s Word. It takes time to read the Bible. It takes time to pray. These are eternal things for your good and for my good so we will grow in Christ. They will pay off in eternity. In 2 Cor. 5:10, He says, we are all going to stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive the things done in the body whether they are good or bad. We are all going to stand there, so we need to accept the challenge to read the Bible and see what God wants us to do! Then do it!

RECIPES

Apple Stuffing Pork Chops

- 6 Boneless pork loin chops - 1" thick
- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 Package stuffing mix
- 1 can (21oz) apple pie filling

Prepare stuffing according to package directions (stove-top stuffings work, but stuffing mixes allow for more customization of flavor). In a skillet, brown pork chops in oil over medium-high heat. Spread the pie filling into a greased 13" x 9" x 2" baking dish. Place the pork chops on top of the pie filling, then spoon the stuffing on top of the pork chops.

Cover with foil and bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Uncover and bake for 10 minutes longer or until a meat thermometer reads 160°. For dryer stuffing, cook uncovered for 35 minutes or until the meat reaches 160°.

Helpful Hints

Put Vaseline around your nails before painting them – Using a cotton swab, outline your nails with Vaseline. Paint normally, let them dry, then wash your hands and watch stray polish come off with the Vaseline. www.thepremierdaily.com/50-home-hacks/

Use ice cubes to get wrinkles out of a shirt – Put your dryer on the highest setting, throw in the shirt along with three or four ice cubes into the dryer. As the ice melts, it turns into steam, ensuring a perfectly wrinkle-free shirt when you take it out.

Use conditioner to shave with – When you forget or run out of shaving cream, grab a bottle of conditioner and put some on your face for a quick and painless shave. gentlemansgazette.com

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*"To everything there is a season, and
a time to every purpose under
heaven."*

—Ecclesiastes 3:1

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The Lighter Side –

Two little boys were sitting together in a church during a wedding ceremony.

As the couple said, "I do" one boy asked the other, "How many wives do you think a man can have?"

The other boy turned and said, "He can have 16."

A bit skeptical, the first boy asked, "How do you know that?"

The other boy answered, "The pastor just said so. Four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."

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BRM Field Report #10

BRM is here for you! As we wait on God to provide BRM with a new Executive Director, Fernando Garza (BRM Interim President), along with Dolores and the BRM Associate Pastors, are working together to fulfill BRM's mission. The phone lines are open and manned. Don't hesitate to call with any questions, needs, concerns, or issues.

Rev. Darwyn Hassert spoke at South Hinton Bible Church in Lakeview, Michigan, on September 7th and 21st.

Lee Roupas spoke at Lisle Bible Church for the month of September.

We thank God for our men who are ready to step in and fill the pulpit when and where they're needed!

Rev. Steve Barack is leading the men's breakfast at Hessville Bible church in Hammond, Indiana, on Saturday mornings at 8 a.m.

Rev. Steve will also be leading a series of revival meetings at Parker Road Bible Church with pastor Frank Volpe, from October 5th through the 7th. Service times will be:

Sunday – 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Monday – 7 p.m.

Tuesday – 7 p.m.

The address is 18512 Parker Rd, Mokena, IL 60448. Join them if you can.

Please continue to pray for BRM:

1. For God to provide a new Executive Director.
2. For Dolores, comfort and strength.
3. For the BRM Board, God's wisdom and guidance