# THE EXHORTATION OF

**HEBREWS 6:9-20** 

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"But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.

For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

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- Genesis 22:15-18
- Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6; 17:15-19; 18:10; 21:1-3
- Genesis 22:2; Hebrews 11:19

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## "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast"

- Our soul is the ship
- The world is our sea, characterized by storms we encounter as well as the danger of slowly drifting
- Our hope in Christ is our anchor
- The concealed glory of heaven is the covered and hidden bottom of the sea
- Our anchor, our hope, is cast into heaven itself, behind the veil, where Jesus Christ has gone as our forerunner and High Priest

#### Why is our hope an anchor for our soul, sure and steadfast?

- 1. Because of the immutability of God's will
  - Promised
  - Confirmed with an oath
  - It is impossible for God to lie
- 2. Because of where it is secured heaven
- 3. Because of the object of our hope Jesus to <u>whom</u> we are fastened
- 4. Because of what Jesus Christ has done and is doing
  - "for us"
  - The offering of Himself as the sacrifice
  - High Priest forever, to make intercession
  - He is the forerunner



