

# sermon notes

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January 15, 2023 | “The Anchor of Our Souls” | **Hebrews 6:13-20**

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## *Why should we trust the God of the Bible?*

- 1) Because He is a \_\_\_\_\_ God  
(6:13-15)
  
- 2) Because He has an \_\_\_\_\_ character  
(6:16-18)
  
- 3) Because He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our souls  
(6:19-20)

## Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 6:13-15. What promises did God make to Abraham? When and how were those promises fulfilled? How did Abraham show patience in waiting for God’s promises? Did Abraham make any mistakes along the way? How did God “swearing by himself” encourage Abraham to wait patiently for these promises? How should it encourage us in waiting for God’s promises?

Read Hebrews 6:16-18. The author describes God’s character and purposes as unchangeable. Why is it important that we serve an unchanging God? How does God’s unchanging character encourage you to flee to him in times of trials? For help with this, read the following article on God’s immutability (i.e. unchangeableness): <https://www.ligonier.org/posts/divine-immutability-and-the-doctrines-of-grace-pt-1>

The author also says that it is impossible for God to lie. Does it surprise you that there is something that God cannot do? How do we square this with God’s omnipotence? How do we square God’s unchangeability with Jesus’s incarnation? Didn’t Jesus (the second person of the Trinity) change? For more on this, see the following article: <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/did-the-incarnation-change-god>

### GET PERSONAL

Read Hebrews 6:19-20. This is the only passage in the NT where the image of an anchor is used. What is the author conveying with this metaphor? What are some ways the truth of God’s Word has anchored your soul and encouraged you to hold on to the hope set before you?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

How would you answer someone who asked the following question, “Why should we trust the God of the Bible”? How is God’s promise-keeping and unchanging character evident in Scripture? How is it evident in your life? What promises of God have you struggled to believe in times of trials, depression, anxiety, etc.?

As a faith-building exercise, read (or sing) the following hymn by Daniel Towner and William Martin:

[https://hymnary.org/text/though\\_the\\_angry\\_surges\\_roll](https://hymnary.org/text/though_the_angry_surges_roll)

### ADVANCED QUESTION

The author of Hebrews mixes the images of an anchor and a high priest in 6:19-20. What does it mean for Christ to be our high priest? What is the significance of Christ entering the most holy place on our behalf? What does “forerunner” mean, and what does it mean for Christ to be our forerunner?