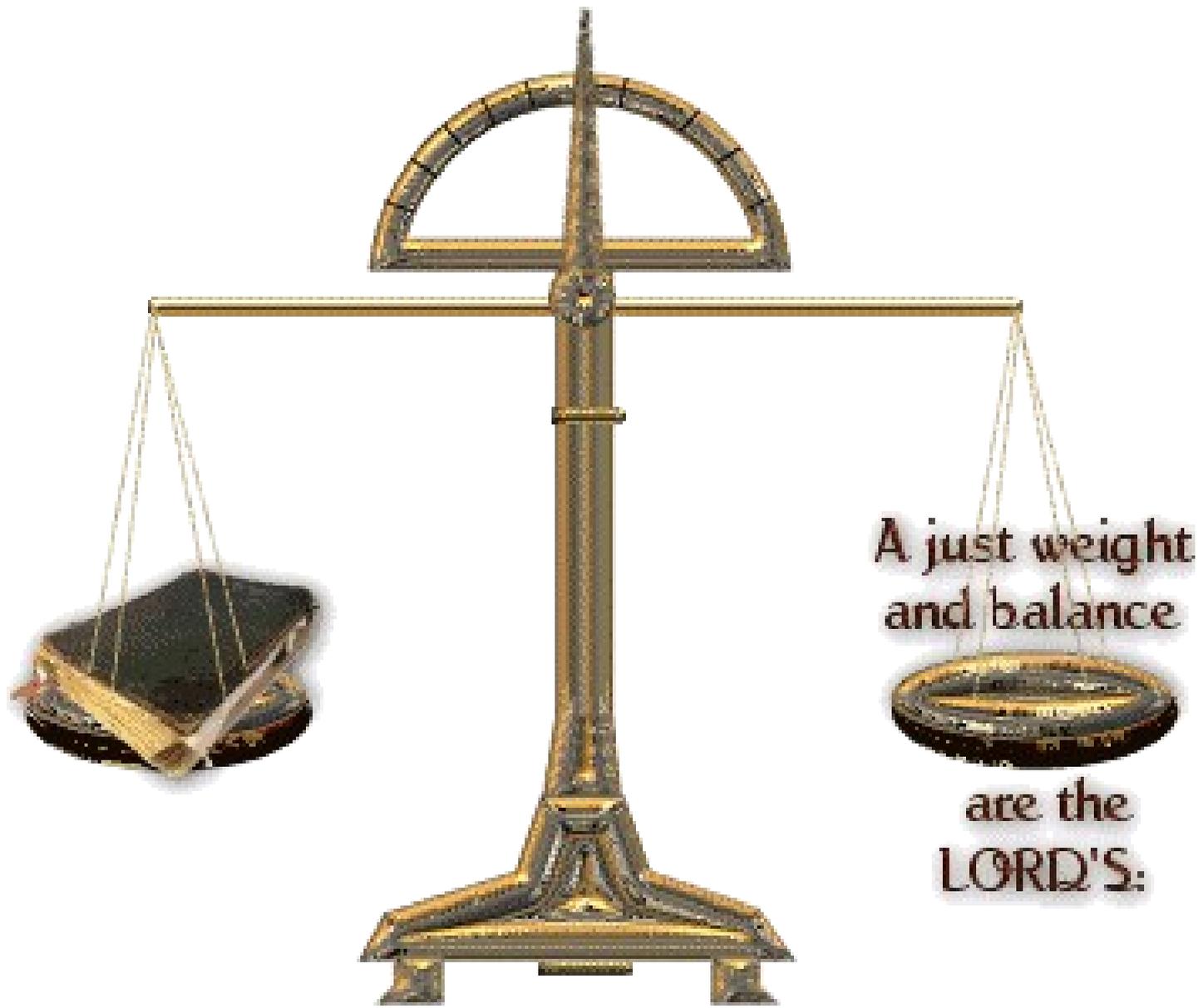


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A just weight
and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

- **Hebrews 6:19**

**Which hope we have
as an anchor
of the soul,
both sure and steadfast,**

- **Why do boats
have anchors?**

- The main reason a ship needs an anchor is to ride out storms so that it is not blown off course or into the rocks or reefs nearby.

- Even in a safe harbor, a ship needs an anchor so that it will not drift.

(**Hebrews 2:1**)

- Whether in the storms of life or in the harbor during the calm times of life, we all need an anchor for our souls so that we do not destroy our lives.

- The author of Hebrews was writing to people who were facing hardship and persecution because of their Christian faith.
 - He is urging them to persevere by putting their focus on the superiority of Jesus Christ and the salvation that He has provided.

- He is trying to instill in them **biblical hope**
 - **Not** just a positive, cheerful disposition,
 - But a steady attitude of **joy** based on the promises of God, who cannot lie.
(**Hebrews 6:18**)

- Our anchor consist of two things:

- Hebrews 6:17

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

- Hebrews 6:18

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

- **We do not hope**
in hope itself,
- **But in Christ,**
and all that is promised in Him.
- In the **storms** of life,
if we take hold of
the hope of His salvation,
- We will have the
steadiness for our souls
that we need to endure.

- In the ancient world
the anchor was
the symbol of hope.
- The writer to the Hebrews
insists that the Christian
possesses
the greatest hope
in the world.

- Genesis records that God appeared to Abraham and made him a promise:
- **"Through your seed shall all peoples of the earth be blessed,"**
(**Genesis 15:13, 22:17-18**).
- The immediate seed was Isaac, born of Abraham's old age;
- But the ultimate Seed is Christ.

- This promise was later confirmed by an oath,
- God swearing by himself that he would fulfill what he had said.
- The writer is simply pointing out that Abraham believed God's promise and his oath.
- The question for us is do we believe it?

- Abraham certainly had to exercise patience before he received the promise.
 - It was not till twenty-five years after he had left Ur that his son Isaac was born.
 - He was old;
 - Sarah was barren,
 - The wandering was long;
- But Abraham never wavered from his hope and trust in the promise of God.

- Abraham
did not believe it
because

he saw immediate results.

- Nor did he believe
because

**he was doing his best
to accomplish it.**

- There was one occasion when he began to waver
 - And thought he had to help God out.
 - He concocted an ingenious scheme to fulfill the promise of God,
 - And the result was the birth of Ishmael
 - Who became a thorn in the side of Israel from that day to this.

- **"God was able."**
(**Hebrews 11:19**)
- Abraham's faith rested **on the character of God.**
- **This is also true among men.**
 - A man's word is **no better than his character.**
- Even if you get a man to sign a contract or agreement, that agreement is no more than a scrap of paper if the man who signed it does not intend to fulfill it.
 - All faith ultimately **rests on character.**

- Abraham **believed** that God told the truth about himself,
 - And God was **true to his own character** which he had expressed in
 - **Two separate ways:**

- First, the promise,
- Second, the oath.
 - Without seeing any results for twenty-five years,
- Abraham hung on to the character of God.

- This, therefore,
is the secret of faith;
- It rests on the
character of Jesus Christ.
- Either he is telling us the truth,
 - Or we must reject him
as a self-deceived impostor
- That is where faith rests.

- Hope is often likened to an anchor,
- Not to one that is lying in the ship,
- But to one that is gripping the bottom of the sea and holding the ship.

- Let us note the connection between the **“anchor of the soul”** and **“that within the veil”**.
(**Hebrews 6:19**)
 - And what is **that connection?**

- **For on that day shall the Priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the Lord."**
(Leviticus 16:30).

So God testified to the people through Moses.

Without the shedding of blood there could be no atonement

(Lev. 17:11);

and without an atonement
there could be no purification from sin
(Lev. 16:30).

- The apostle means,
that the hope set before us,
- Is not limited to any thing
temporal or present,
 - But reaches
to heaven.
- Which he compares to the
Holy of Holies.

- The apostle here assigns a very material difference between the high priest's entering within the earthly sanctuary,
- And Jesus our High Priest's entering within the heavenly sanctuary.

- The Aaronical high priests **did not enter the sanctuary**
as forerunners

- **As ordinary people**
were utterly barred
from entering at any time.

- **But Jesus entered**
as a forerunner.
(Hebrews 6:20)

- Aaron entered within the veil
once a year,
 - But never as
a forerunner.
 - He entered as the
representative
of those who were left outside;
 - But they were always
left outside.

- **No one followed Aaron**

when he entered within the veil
to stand in the presence of
the ark and **the mercy seat.**

- When **Jesus** passed
within the veil,

he entered as a forerunner,

- **Opening the way**
for others to follow him.

- Hope serves as an anchor of the soul to securely hold us and keep us steady.
- Our anchor is secure in that unseen realm.
- Jesus has gone on before believers like a scout.
(**John 14:1-6**).

- Christ,
our High Priest,
has gone before us,
so as to enable us,
after Him,
and through Him,
to enter
within the veil.

- **An anchor**
does not stay in the waters,
- But enters the ground hidden beneath,
and fastens in it,
 - So hope, our anchor,
is not satisfied with merely
being in the outer court.
 - **But penetrates**
within the veil,
to the Holy of Holies,
where it lays hold on God Himself.

- The soul clings,
as one in fear of shipwreck,
to an anchor
fastened behind the veil
which hides the future glory;
- And if we hold on to the anchor,
 - We shall in time
be drawn into the Holiest place,
by the hand of the Deliverer'

- **A striking illustration of this verse**
was known in the days
of sailing vessels.
 - Particularly when
the harbor entrance
was narrow.
 - **Matthew 7:14**
**Because strait is the gate,
and narrow is the way,
which leads unto life,
and few there be that find it.**

- A little boat called "the forerunner" would carry the anchor of the larger vessel into the harbor, and cast the anchor there.
- Then winding in the anchor cable, the vessel was drawn on a straight course into the harbor.

- **Pioneers**
had their scouts.
- **Armies** had their scouts.
 - **Children of Israel**
had their scouts.
 - **Jesus** had
John the Baptist.
 - **We** have **Jesus**.

- The "anchor"
is Christ Himself,
sustaining His people
in this world,
- In the midst of the wicked,
who are likened unto
"the troubled sea,
when it cannot rest"
(**Isaiah 57:20**).

- A "forerunner"
is one who has already
traversed every step of the race
which is set before us
(**Hebrews 12:1-2**),
- Because Christ has been
where we now are,
- We shall soon be
where He now is.

- His name is:

"Jesus",

who

**"shall save his people
from their sins"**

(Matthew 1:21).

- It is the duty of the "Forerunner" to declare what success has been obtained.
- So when the Lord Christ entered Heaven,
- He made an open declaration of His victory:
 - **Wherefore he said,
When he ascended up on high,
he led captivity captive,
and gave gifts unto men.
(Ephesians 4:8)**

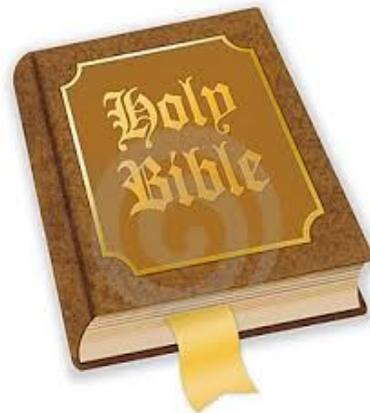
- He now declares who and what that "**Forerunner**" was,
- Who for us has "**gone on High, even Jesus, our great High Priest.**
(**Ephesians 4:8**)
- Leading us on to the "**perfection**" which he mentioned at the beginning of this chapter
(**Hebrews 6:1**)

- **Think on these things**
- **Philippians 4:8**

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17



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