

Our Anchor Within the Veil

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of having a secure hope and a steadfast faith in God, which is represented by the anchor of the soul, and encourages listeners to lay hold of the hope set before them.

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Scripture: Matthew 7:21, Matthew 26:26-28, Matthew 28:19-20, Hebrews 6:16-17, Hebrews 6:19, Hebrews 9:6, Hebrews 9:19

Topics: "Anchor"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of having an anchor in life. He shares his personal experience of being converted and how his priorities shifted from sports to the Lord. The anchor symbolizes a deep and secure foundation in God, which can withstand any storms or challenges. The preacher warns against trusting in one's own abilities and encourages placing trust in God, referencing Psalm 71. He also shares a poignant story of a church leader who died without a secure anchor, highlighting the urgency of making Christ one's anchor before it's too late.

Transcript

May the Lord also bless the reading of his word. Touch our eyes that we'll see wondrous things in his word. That this word will be food for our souls, for we will not live by bread alone.

These days we spoke about the anchor. I'd like to continue. I'm sorry for those that missed these services.

I remember when I got converted, I had a great hunger for God's word and for services. Nothing could stop me. My God and my idol had been sport and tennis especially.

It was my dream. I thought I'd become a professional, make a lot of money. But then I got converted.

Things changed totally. Then my first love was the Lord and his things. And I went from hut to hut where there was full of smoke and I had to sit low down to get out of the smoke.

And I preached the gospel to them. And with Paul I say I counted it. That which was gained to me as done.

As done. Before when tennis was played and I wasn't there, I'd get physically sick. But when Jesus was here, I forgot about it.

I went to Zulu huts full of smoke and I smelled like Schwarzwälder Schinken. That's the smell I had when I got out there. But it was the greatest joy for me to tell these people about Christ.

If you have gone to a rugby match or a great soccer match to look at it. And you have never went into a black hut full of smoke and told them about Jesus. I tell you, have a new look at your life and ask yourself whether Christ is within you.

I think the wrong wolf is there. I think the wrong wolf is there. If you haven't been to anyone else, have you ever been to the other nations to bring them the gospel? Tell them about Christ? Then I say, well I don't know whether there's any life in you.

Because Christ says we must go to the nations. Hebrews chapter 6 verse 19. Hebrews 6 verse 19.

This hope we have is an anchor of the soul. A hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil. I will still speak about the verses preceding this one and those after.

We need an anchor like a ship. A ship without an anchor is lost. An anchor that can be thrown overboard.

It can go right down deep to the bottom of the water, right to the bed. Like these young boys that go to the prostitutes whose eyes follow them. Who are attracted to them and worldly things and drugs and alcohol.

They've got no anchor. They're like a ship on a rough sea. Now let me ask you all who are here, young and old, have you got an anchor? And where's your anchor? Why has your father got to plead with you? My child, not that way, this way.

Why has your mother got to speak to you day in day out? Have you got no anchor? Every ship should have an anchor. When we speak about ships, that vessel is not the ship you find in Durban Harbour. That vessel is your soul.

Your soul is your ship. That's the ship that needs an anchor, the soul. The sea is not the Indian Ocean or the Atlantic.

The sea is the world. Your soul in this world. That's what we're talking about.

Your soul has got to have an anchor. Where is your anchor? I'm going to talk about something ridiculous. If the captain of the ship would take an anchor and just hang it up in the front of the ship.

And then a storm comes, terrible storm. The ship is blown one way and then the other. But the captain just leaves the anchor hanging in front, the bow of the ship.

What will you think about that captain? May God help me that I'll never be on a ship with such a foolish captain. If he does such a thing, I don't think I'll keep quiet. I'll go and teach him a lesson.

And ask whether there isn't a psychiatrist on the ship. Or he takes the anchor and puts it on the deck. Just on the deck where all the people walk past and where they sit.

And the storms, the wind, winds are blowing. And he takes the anchor and puts it on the deck. What a crazy man.

He hasn't got one loose screw, he's got many. He should go to the hospital as soon as possible that they cut open his skull. They'll find many things in there, even rusted screws.

Or he calls all his sailors and they carry that anchor down into the hold. Down in the hold where the cargo is put. The wind is blowing to and fro in the storm but the anchor's down in the hold.

will that ship survive? If you put your trust in yourself just look at all the stupid men in the humanistic world trusting themselves believe in yourself they say believe in God and believe in yourself but most of them say there is no God you are God believe in yourself all those professors and teachers and clever people if you're an artist draw a nice picture and send it to them with compliments look Mr. Skippy look captain that's not the place but maybe those foolish people aren't interested the universities and the world they right here in our midst even young people you think eradicate it you know more and that's you see yourself got a banter banjala back in my universe will pay lunch a back on an apartheid way to get on a Basha cook on a bus 10 by you but I won't I said a full deal but by a was wrong by Azaz and you mother don't think you've brought clever people into the world oh no you brought people into this world that are just as stupid as you are when I get my moon I was called she was training in Ghana I could have on what I in Ghana I'm Mr.

Gunfield I as Lutifan an hour if you'd be wise you'd cry day and night that your children will repent and turn from the devil and run to Jesus Christ for salvation who will push a gun pillow was a column in and I said so Carlo Guglielmo good I'm gonna go seven thing on any army will be pen do get Pumas on when he but I get look Christ the anchor has got to be thrown and into the deep he hung a little guru would feel possibly to lean to be effective who was a seven cigar right deep through the water penetrate into the ground the solid ground he hung a tingle tool I lean at and in German Z tingle China pants loneliness it's liberty net to a lean pants the Babel a east wind can come the Des Moines I can come storms may come that ship is secure steadfast it is immovable grounded in that rock

which is God himself when I figure no my mood for more yeah it's a voodoo voodoo no messing up a single anonymous go to a loom Kumbi who pay Peele yeah who fell a little tongue over we love Christ Lelot on don't trust in your own cleverness and brightness and sharpness don't trust in your own strengths don't trust in yourself say with a psalmist some 71 say Oh Lord he knew I put my trust that's why I don't mention his name Oh moon yeah I'm foodies you're not too many years he wrote the book about the so-called new gospel when we got saved denouncing it must have been a Nessimite to him then after some time he died and then after some time I met one of his children and that person said I won't describe that person otherwise it will be too clear that person said you know a look when my

father was on his deathbed was a pitiful sight a pitiful sight she says you know about a faithful dog he lay there and he looked at me with bigger guys please help me and I couldn't tell father and that's how he went into eternity I have to die one day and I pity you if you don't make Christ your anchor you'll die like that man lying there like a dog begging his mouth begging his daughter his master oh please help me he couldn't speak anymore his eyes spoke and cried out and said oh help me but there was no help a clever guy his children being brilliant but when he died he died like a lost man a dog that was pleading for help with nobody to help no anchor no anchor and it's not just the old that are dying there are more young people than old people that are dying nowadays you can be the

most brilliant theologian you may be the most brilliant modern Christian but if your anchor isn't grounded in God in Jesus Christ himself you'll experience shipwreck the seven sons of Sceva when I heard Paul preaching and I saw what was happening I was so impressed I said this is what we need I went back and then I met someone who was demon-possessed and I said in the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches leave this person they had the soundest gospel the purest theology I don't know the highest standard but

they had no anchor and then the circus started then that man with those evil spirits the possessed man he played sports with the soccer ball seven men he threw the one against the other he kicked the one they left hurt and naked pulled off their pants but then you'll be the laughingstock

of hell and of the devils and demons with your good gospel you've heard now the truth you preach it but you don't live it and you haven't got this anchor in your life now he'll play the fool with you the devil will play the fool with you now we live in a time where we've got to watch and pray watch the first thing people speak of prayer prayer more prayer meetings sometimes they start their nonsense and prayer meetings before you pray you watch you watch yourself watch your children and watch the hoax design Harvey the toy for me thanks boss up heaven hell you'll be the laughingstock of hell they'll have much fun because of you oh my cool me into a go-kart it come with a zulu in the got to my own I'm feeling I'm going to lose satan is a plague if you've gone on your knees have you

repented have you cried on to the Lord to be your anchor and is he that in reality so I call I know when cool and cool out on cool and cool and tell you what to be hungry love me food so I shall see so good we hung a lock on long and bail on now don't say I live amongst pious people a potato rots amongst other potatoes yes it's a rotten potato being in fellowship with the Saints doesn't help you if this wrong wolf is in your heart and you feeding him get hungry now let me leave that and continue regarding the anchor now he hanged me what is the anchor he temple can you lay you in a you don't know no it's that secure hope and what is that hope that is secure and safe and steadfast who jesu oh I'm gonna get a lot of milk is it take and I went in well and really I have only the ketamine see

if a a large sugar missing the wing wheel in England way it is Jesus who entered into that veil according to the order of Melchizedek he went into the Holy of Holies into the sanctuary and he went in there like John the Baptist John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ Christ was coming and he went before Christ and prepared the way for Christ now Christ exactly the same way and to the Holy of Holies as y'all and my forerunner general general Johanna Papatis Naya why no moon to all humble a pambila chesu which is a says of figa wise him humble a pambila long selling no chesu was humble a pambila and so he did he from heaven came to prepare this way but not according to the way of Aaron but Melchizedek there were two lines and two forms and two ways the one of Aaron the high priest and

Melchizedek Oh Aaron only went in once a year behind that veil to do atonement for the sins of the people next year again after a year again over and over and over because people come confess the sin and then they sinned again then more blood had to be shed No, Jesus Christ didn't came in that way Jesus came according to the order of Melchizedek Who is he?

That word means the Lord of Righteousness Of Salem, which means peace The King of Salem, the King of Peace and the King of Righteousness He had no mother, he had no father, he had no earthly human descendants You don't know much about him only that he was God's high priest He came with bread and wine Abraham gave him his tents What a precious thing to give your tents How poor are the people that don't give their tents They don't know the joy, the blessedness, the heaven of giving the tents to Melchizedek To give it to the one who's got no father, who's got no mother, has got no beginning and no end And it comes and he offers Abraham bread and wine You can't but be reminded of the one man who said, take this bread, drink this wine Telling his disciples, which annoyed them, they said, who can't hear this?

That's a hard and difficult saying We should eat and chew, in Greek it's to chew, to chew his flesh and to drink his blood Who can do such a thing? We know cannibals But if you don't know what that is, to chew his flesh and drink his blood, you've got no life in you and you don't have an anchor God's high priest, and what a priest, not after the way of Aaron But in a new way, everlasting way, suddenly he will say, the eternal priest Who after his death and resurrection rose and sat at the right hand of the Father He went in as a foreigner for you, he prepared the way for you and for me My, what glory The high priest, and what a priest, not after the way of Aaron But after his death and resurrection rose and sat at the right hand of the Father He went in as a foreigner for you, he prepared the way for you and for me And then God made an oath He couldn't swear by anybody else You swear?

By the man who's greater than what you are There was no one greater than God, he swore to himself God swore to himself, to his name He took that, that Jesus died for you, bled for you at the cross He took it in, the way is prepared for you for all eternity He died for you, he rose again, he went through the veil and that is what God has accepted for all eternity We've got no sense, we've got no brains in our head Just dry pumpkin pits If we don't follow suit and worship him And count this as the greatest thing in this world God with an oath, God in heaven swore He put a seal to this That Jesus died for your sins The man without a mother, without a father, without beginning and without end Came down from heaven and he blessed Abraham And blessed his offspring, you should be his offspring What a great mystery, God the eternal, omnipotent, almighty That he identifies himself, comes down from heaven to meet this sinful man Why has God got such interest in you?

Why are you so precious to him? Why are you worth so much to him? You're just a worm, you're just a sinner You'd be ashamed to get up and tell us about the things you've done in your life They'd make you blush And God comes down in Christ Jesus to you and to me I said that anchor mustn't just tangle down the ship in the water It's got to go right down and penetrate deep into the rock The eternal rock And the Hebrew letter says, this anchor went right down and right up Right through the veil, behind the veil and struck into it Steadfast and firm for all eternity And that's our blessed hope by faith Grounded firm and deep in the holy of holies Penetrated right into that eternal rock for all eternities And time to come never to be moved And God put his divine seal on it And as he said, I vow and I swear by my own name God's name is not moved It doesn't change, it's there And if your soul is grounded behind the veil which Jesus tore into two From top to bottom And he went in there for your sake, for my sake To prepare the path, the way for us My, what a gospel What truth But if God doesn't reveal these mysteries to us It's no more use to us than the Natale witness That's the Natale's newspaper That can write all silly things This hope, the anchor of the soul A hope sure and steadfast within the veil Behind it So allow me to read from verse seventeen Or should I, from verse sixteen Then just clinch the deal with God's word No masakala vesili elinamashumin nestup Goguba bantu bafunga omkulu gunabo Kubo nisfungo siak etau pikisana konge For men swear by one greater than themselves And with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute Kulu kuge unkulungulu etanda kakulimpe Lugubo nisa izin kalifa zezis tembiso Ugunga kukuligi kwe trebolake Walamu langesifungo In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise The unchangeableness of his purpose, interposed with an oath Are you an heir of that promise?

Are you? Then rejoice in it and be glad If not, then cry Before you cry with the gnashing of your teeth Uguze vesaitin Ngezin to ezimpili Ezinga kukuligi Unkulungulu anekampe amangangas Sibenentutuzo Sibenentutuzo Enamangatina Ezibalegele Evulibambini Ezili itemba Ezili miselweyo In order that by two unchangeable things In which it is impossible for God to lie We may have strong encouragement or

comfort We who have fled for refuge and laying hold of the hope set before us Ezina lo jengehange lompefumulo Likunile Likunile Likunile This hope we have is an anchor of the soul A hope both sure and steadfast And one which enters within the veil Lapu jesu ezikichimi Sogusandulela wangena kona Eze waba gumpristom kulu Kuzegube pagate Ngogoguma kuga Melchizedek Kepayena kengayoguba ezala pagate Unopristi obungena kukuuga Ngakoge ngaleso sizat Unamanda okusindisa ngokupeleleyo Abesa kukulungkulungaye Luku epilelan jalugbame Hence also he is able to save forever to the uttermost Those who draw near to God through him Since he always lives to make intercession for them An amazing priest of God, our high priest When Jesus stood before the high priest He says this is blasphemy And he tore his priestly robes into pieces Well done high priest That's what your position and that's what your clothes mean They've come to an end We have got a high priest Not after the order of Abraham now But Melchizedek, the eternal one Who put our Enki into the most holy place And he lives forever That's why he can save us to the uttermost Not half, not half Not 75%, not 99% That's not good enough He can do a perfect job in your life Has he done it?

If not, you are behind time Get up, awake out of your sleep And come running to him Who can save you to the uttermost Why carry on in your sins? The high priest went into the Holy of Holies once a year But one greater than him came It was worth nothing But just to rest in the presence of the high priest And he ran into bits and pieces Doing away with it And he ran that curtain And he went in as the eternal high priest Our Enki is safe And steadfast and secure And he intercedes for us day and night That's why we needn't go back to the old life We needn't go back to sin We can be more than conquerors through him The high priest went into the Holy of Holies once a year But one greater than him came But just to rest in the presence of the high priest And he ran into bits and pieces Doing away with it Now in this case, when one hears this, then one can truly and truthfully say, Amen, Hallelujah. And I don't just say it as a crutch word as many ministers do. Some people they say something and they say Amen's and Hallelujah, totally out of place.

They're just like a parrot. They'll say, let's read the Bible, Amen, Hallelujah. In Romans 6, 23, Amen, Hallelujah.

You are sinners, Amen, Hallelujah. We've got many budgies and parrots. I've got one at home, can talk.

If you want to see somebody who's like you, go there, listen to him. All right, have you heard? Does this mean anything to you? If it does, I want to see a changed man and a changed woman. Somebody who will live a life that will be to God's glory and worth something for the kingdom of God.

Have you had CFT members? If you are alive, you'll be like that. If you are not like that, then you're dead. Lord willing, on Tuesday, we'll be flying, going to other countries, taking the gospel there.

Now you are staying behind. What are you going to be doing? Fall asleep? Snore? What are you going to do? If that's what you're going to do, woe to you. And woe to you.

And woe to you again. Let's pray. Let's get up.

Stand. Have mercy on us, O God, and reveal those hidden truths and mysteries to us. That our souls won't be swayed, tossed to and fro by the winds of this world and this time.

But that we'll be comforted by this anchor, behind the veil, for all eternities to come, safe, secure. Amen.

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