CHAPTER

6

VI

The warning, the oath, and the anchor

Hebrews 6:1–20 · 20 verses · Song: “No Road Back”

The picture: A great anchor whose rope runs up through a curtain into the holy place; Abraham under the stars hearing God’s oath.



PICTURE WORD

Anchor

THE CHAPTER IN BRIEF

on’t fall away. God swore an oath to Abraham. Our hope is an anchor that goes behind the curtain.

Remember it: SIX: an anchor is shaped like a 6 hooked at the bottom.

MEMORY VERSE

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain…

Hebrews 6:19 · the author’s translation

GREEK WORD

ἄγκυραν

“anchor” · verse 19

In Hebrews: once

Outside Acts 27, where sailors drop real anchors in a storm, this is the only anchor in the New Testament. Our hope is an anchor that does not drop down to the sea floor but goes up into heaven, “behind the curtain,” where Jesus has gone ahead of us as our forerunner (6:19–20).

HOW THE CHAPTER MOVES

1–3	Leave the basics behind and move on to maturity.
4–8	The hard warning: those who fall away, and land that bears thorns.
9–12	Better things: God will not forget your love; imitate the faithful.
13–20	God’s promise and oath; hope as an anchor behind the curtain.

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

v. 13–14 ← Gen 22:16–17 God swears by himself: “I will surely bless you.”

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Hebrews 6 sung in the **Hebrews by Heart** app, or free at **ispress.de/hebrews/songs/6**.

The song: “No Road Back.” Every verse of the chapter is sung.

Going to maturity · The hard warning · God’s oath to Abraham · Hope as an anchor

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Don't fall away. God swore an _____ to Abraham. Our hope is an

_____ that goes behind the _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What will God not forget?

- (A) Your sins
- (B) Your work and the love you have shown for his name
- (C) Your doubts
- (D) Your wealth

2. When God made his promise to Abraham, by whom did he swear?

- (A) By an angel
- (B) By Moses
- (C) By himself
- (D) By the temple

3. Where does our hope, the anchor, enter?

- (A) The bottom of the sea
- (B) The inner sanctuary behind the curtain
- (C) The city of Jericho
- (D) The court of the Gentiles

TALK IT OVER

1. Verses 4 to 6 are hard. Why do you think the preacher follows them at once with "we are convinced of better things in your case"?

2. God gave both a promise and an oath. Why would he give two unchangeable things?

3. What storm is pulling at your anchor right now?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES HEBREWS 6 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say 6:19 by heart
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: oath · anchor · curtain · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 10) · 2. C (v. 13) · 3. B (v. 19)