

Anchors

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"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' ²⁴Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:21-27 ESV)

In the early church, at a time when believers were buckling under winds of opposition, the writer in Hebrews declared:

*"We have this as a sure and steadfast **anchor** of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf..." (Hebrews 6:19-20 ESV)*

Build our lives on the rock, JESUS CHRIST.

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From the Israelites exodus out of Egypt and subsequent wilderness journey, scripture tells us the "rock" is a type of Jesus:

"...For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ." (1 Corinthians 10:4 ESV)

Know Jesus PERSONALLY, not just casually.

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Grasp the reality of REPENTANCE and release the compromise of relief.

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If we call Jesus Lord, we must FOLLOW Him as Lord.

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"...for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13 NKJV)