**SERMON SHEET 2/11/24**

**Study of Hebrews #28**

**“An Anchor for our Soul”**

**Text: Hebrews 6:13-20**

I. Introduction & review

1. Hebrews 5:11
2. Hebrews 6:1
3. Hebrews 6:4-6
4. Hebrews 6:7-8
5. Hebrews 6:9-12
6. Hebrews 6:13-15

II. The promise of God gives strong encouragement (vs. 16-18)

1. To do what?
2. How do we hold fast to the hope set before us?
   1. By fleeing quickly to the Lord for refuge
   2. By waiting patiently on the Lord for our reward

III. The priesthood of Jesus provides a steady anchor (vs. 19-20)

1. Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.
2. Jesus is a high priest forever.

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Al Mohler:

*The phrase “thorns and thistles” brings to mind the curse on Adam in Genesis 3. Because of man’s sin, the land no longer yields produce without cultivation and rigorous husbandry. Rather, the land naturally brings forth thorns and thistles.*

2. A. W. Pink:

*Is not this glorious strength indeed, which enables [believers in Jesus] to persevere in the path of duty despite much opposition, to bear up manfully under trials, yes, to rejoice in tribulations? What a glorious power is this which is proportioned to all we are called upon to do and suffer, enabling us to resist the corruptions of the flesh, the allurements of the world, and the temptations of the devil; which keeps us from sinking into abject despair or making shipwreck of the faith; which causes us to hold our course to the end.*

3. Simon Kistemaker:

* *Our hope is pinned on Jesus, who has entered the heavenly sanctuary. An anchor lies unseen at the bottom of the sea; our hope lies unseen in the highest heaven …Our anchor of hope has absolute security in that Jesus in human form, now glorified, has entered heaven. And he has entered heaven in his humanity as a guarantee that we, too, shall be with him … As Jesus’ human body has come into God’s presence, so our bodies will enter heaven. That is our hope.*
* *An Aaronic high priest served in the capacity of high priest for a limited duration. Jesus serves forever. The high priest entered the Most Holy Place once a year. Jesus is in heaven forever… Constantly he intercedes for us.*
* *By his death on the cross, Jesus fulfilled the responsibilities of the Aaronic priesthood. But as a high priest he had to belong to a different order. The writer of Hebrews showed that according to Psalm 110:4 God designated Jesus as high priest forever in the order of Melchizedek. The writer will explain this topic in the next few chapters.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **2 Pet. 3:18**
* **Rom. 4:16-25**
* **Prov. 18:10**
* **Col. 1:11-12**
* **Prov. 15:13, 15**
* **Heb. 7:23-25**
* **Rom. 8:34**