

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure!



The Faithfulness Of God!

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"He will be the sure foundation for your times,
a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge;
the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure."

Isaiah 33:6



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"I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD."

(Lamentations 3:21-26).

1) The Horrific Setting

“I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.”

Historic:

National desperation

Personal

Your health, family, job, finances

Present:

National desperation

Personal

Your health, family, job, finances

Practical truth: Acknowledge our great need

2) The Great Recall

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope”:
One of the great transitional phrases of the Bible.
From despair to hope!

What did Jeremiah call to mind?

Our Lord's promise to us:

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:26)

Practical truth: The awesome power of Scripture memorization!

3) God's Immutable Character

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

1. The Lord's great love
2. His unfailing compassions
3. His great faithfulness

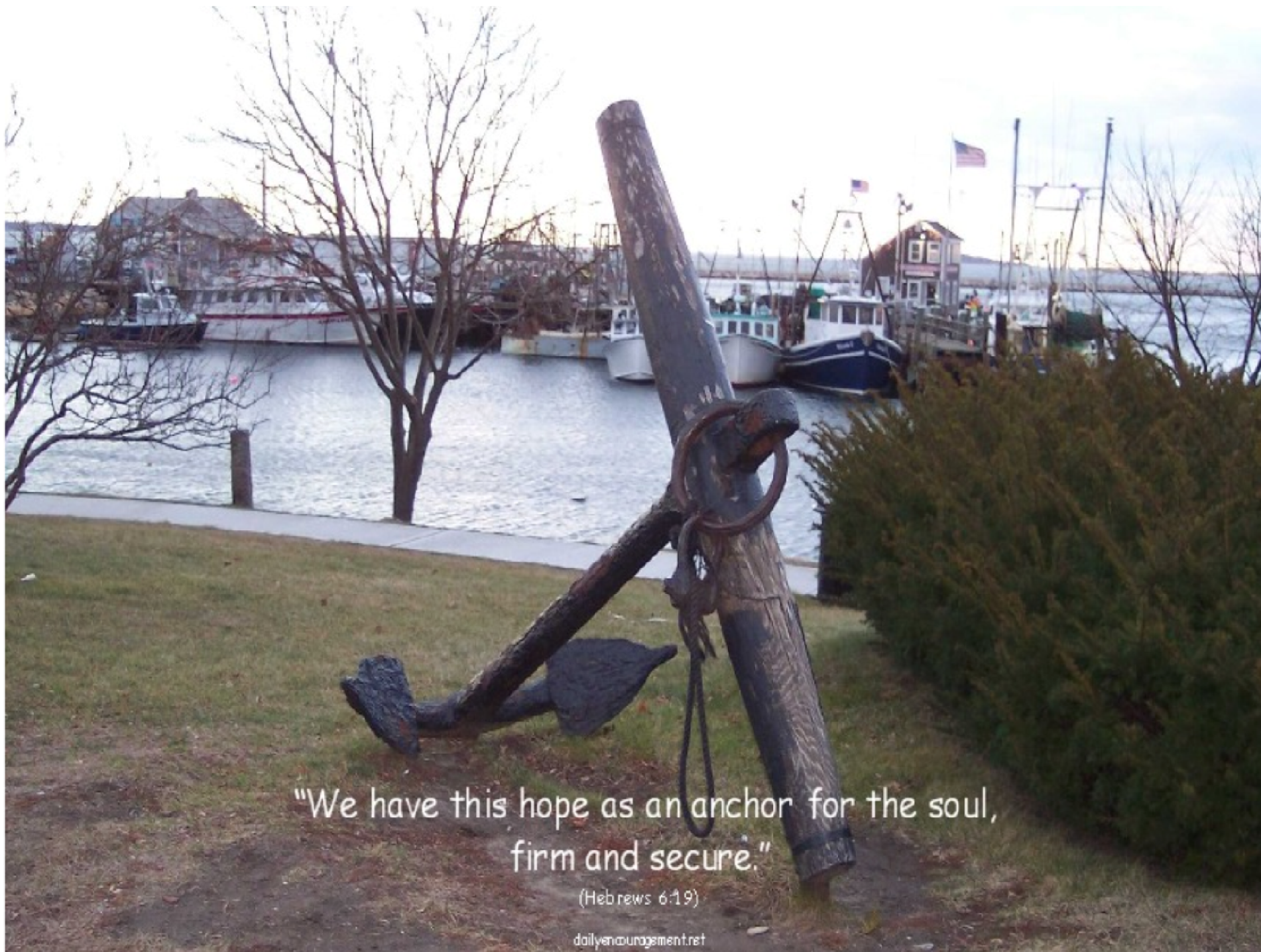
Practical truth: Knowing God's character

4) Renewed Personal Hope

I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD."

1. I will make the Lord "my portion"
2. I will wait for Him.
3. I will place my hope in Him.
4. I will seek Him.
5. I will wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord!

Practical truth: Hope in the midst of despair



"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul,
firm and secure."

(Hebrews 6:19)

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