



Day 1:

We Have An Anchor!

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Welcome to KYB week 2025 when we celebrate the introduction of KYB into the UK. Our theme this year is HOPE.

I wonder if you have ever said something like, 'I hope it doesn't rain tomorrow on my day off.' or 'I hope there is not too much traffic on the motorway!' when going on a long journey. We often use the word hope in that way, but it is a futile hope because we have no control over the weather or how much motorway traffic there is.

In contrast, the bible talks about hope in a very different way because the hope it talks about is not in our hands but in the hands of our Almighty God!

Hebrews 6:19 says, 'We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.' The dictionary tells us that 'an anchor is a heavy object attached to a cable or chain and used to secure a ship to the sea bottom.' We may see the ship bobbing about and being buffeted by the waves but it does not float away aimlessly. The image of an anchor is very powerful. There may be times in our lives when we feel we are drifting like a ship without an anchor but with God as our anchor, we are secure.



In the world at the moment, very little seems firm and secure. Governments change and we hope things will get better, but we are often disappointed. As we look around us, we wonder who is in control and it feels as if we are drifting in a dangerous direction and things are getting worse and not better. Our verse in Hebrews talks of a hope that is certain and sure because it is dependent on Almighty God who does not change and who keeps his promises. He has promised never to leave us or forsake us. In Psalm 139 we are reminded that he knew us from before we were born and even knows our thoughts but still loves us. Our ultimate hope, the anchor of our souls, is Jesus. His death, burial and resurrection and means, as we put our faith in him, He forgives our sins and promises us eternal life with him in heaven where there is no more death, mourning, crying or pain. He tells us he has gone to prepare a place for us. The promise of a new heaven and a new earth is our certain hope.

2 Corinthians 4:17 reassures us that ‘...our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.’ Hallelujah!

At our recent residential conference, we sang the hymn ‘My hope is built on nothing less.’ The second verse says:

When weary in this earthly race
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every wild and stormy gale
My anchor holds and will not fail.’

May our hope in God be like an anchor, firm and secure as we look forward to what he has promised. I trust you will enjoy the upcoming devotions this week and thank God for the work of KYB in the UK.

God bless you all.