



## CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	New Hope	SPEAKER	DSP Chua Seng Lee
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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

We are living in evil end times and DSP Seng Lee reminded us that one of the ways that we can walk wisely and worship wholeheartedly is to know and hold on to the hope we have in Jesus. In Proverbs 13:12, hope deferred makes the heart sick. As earthly hopes are deferred, the heart is discouraged, doubtful, deluded, depressed and despondent, there is a need for new hope as it is in Hebrews 6:19 to be the anchor of our soul to hold us well, long and close.

*Hebrews 6:19 This hope we have as an anchor of our soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, 20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*

## 3 Descriptions of the New Hope

### 1) Holds us effectively: anchor of our soul

Hope is an anchor to our souls, it steadies our souls during the storms. The soul can be defined as the mind, emotion and will. Hope steadies our minds from drifting to dark and negative thoughts, steadies our emotions from stormy feelings and steadies our will from heading towards rebellion against God. Hope can hold us together effectively.

Faith-hope is defined as a desirable, future, objective reality that is promised by the word of God. Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Faith and hope are interrelated, where faith initiates the journey and hopes sustains the journey. Hebrews 3:6, Hebrews 7:19 and Hebrews 10:23 further illustrate the hope of future glory and salvation, hope in intimacy with God and hope in Jesus. Faith-hope anchors and leads us to face storms, as we hold on tightly and believe in the deliverance and promises of God.

### 2) Holds us eternally: sure and steadfast

In Hebrews 6:16-18, God's promise is confirmed by two unchangeable things - the purpose and oath of God. As it is impossible for God to lie, the heirs of promise can certainly take his word

seriously. God's unwavering, dependable and trustworthy word and promises are applicable for those who have taken refuge and trusted God.

Believers need to take hold of the hope set before them, to claim and hold tightly to the hope that they have in Christ. Faith and hope is something we cannot see. When nothing is happening, do we perceive a period of waiting as 'God is not working' or 'God is working and I can't see it yet'? We need to be patient while praying/waiting. In Hebrews 6:13-15, Abraham patiently waited 25 years before Isaac was born and it was another 60 years before God's promise of multiplication was fulfilled through Esau and Jacob.

We would hold on to the truth that the hope in this life is not all there is (1 Cor 15:19). This life is only temporary and a preparation for eternity. The hope we have will outlast our life and this hope holds us eternally.

### 3) Holds us experientially: enters within the veil

There is a hope of intimacy with God as Jesus entered the veil before us, as our high priest (Hebrews 6:20). Through Jesus, we can experience true freedom within the veil. Deliverance of the 7 common causes of hopelessness can be found in the presence of God.

Common causes of Hopelessness - vs. - Hope within the veil:

- 1) Extended period of loneliness - vs. - you are not alone
- 2) Lack of purpose - vs. - you have a purpose
- 3) Major grief/loss - vs. - you can find your healing
- 4) Cannot forgive self - vs. - you are forgiven
- 5) Unable to break free from bondage - vs. - you are freed
- 6) Constant stress, anxiety and fear - vs. - you are delivered
- 7) Certainty of defeat - vs. - you are an overcomer

## CONCLUSION

Hope is our anchor in the storms of life and the God of Hope is waiting for us within the veil. We are to press on with hope and focus on Jesus in worship/prayer to experience freedom in His presence (Luke 18:1).

# QUESTIONS

**1. In your own words, describe what is this New Hope that we have and why we personally need it.**

**2. Think about a specific situation or scenario in your life in which you are currently hoping for something - what are the promises of God that you can claim or how can you focus on God as you continue to hope patiently?**

**3. Ask God to reveal somebody who needs this New Hope that we have in Jesus Christ. How can you reach out to share this New Hope with him/her?**