

"THE ANCHOR OF YOUR SOUL"

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- 15 And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.
- 16 For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute.
- 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath,
- 18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.
- 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the 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.

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- 13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, (Aseity, Eternality, Infinity, Sovereignty, Perfection, Omnipotent)
- 14 saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU."
- 15 And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.
- 16 For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute.
- 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness (Immutability) of His purpose (Wisdom, Omniscience), interposed with an oath (Veracity, Faithfulness),
- 18 so that by two unchangeable (Immutability) things in which it is impossible for God to lie (Veracity, Faithfulness), we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.
- 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast (Faithfulness) and one which enters within the veil (Holiness, Righteousness, Justice),
- 20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest (Goodness) forever (Eternality, Faithfulness) according to the order of Melchizedek.

Stephen Charnock,
 "The Existence And Attributes Of God"

A. W. Tozer,

"Knowledge of the Holy"

Isa 40:18

18 To whom then will you liken God?
Or what likeness will you compare with Him?

Attributes of God

- **ASEITY -** He is self-existent. He does not need us or the rest of creation for anything. While everything other than God depends on God for everything, God depends on no one for existence. (Is. 40:18,25; Ex. 3:14,15)
- IMMUTABILITY He is not subject to change in His person. He never changes in his being (who he is) or His promises He has made. (James 1:17; Heb. 13:8; Mal. 3:6)
- **INFINITY** He is free from all limitations other than self-limitation. He is not subject to any of the limitations of humanity or his creation.
 - *Perfect in Being (complete, finished, lacking in nothing; no defect). (Matt. 5:48; Ps. 18:30)
 - *Eternal in time. God exists forever, meaning he has no beginning or end (Psalm 90:2; 1 Tim. 1:17). He has always existed in the same way: fully and completely as God.
 - *Omnipresent everywhere in space. This is not to say that God's form is spread out so that parts of Him exist in every location. God is spirit; He has no physical form. He is present everywhere in that everything is immediately in His presence. At the same time He is present everywhere in the universe. No one can hide from Him and nothing escapes His notice. (Job 11:7-10)

MENTALITY - He is the ultimate in intellect.

*Omniscient - all knowing. God knows all things -1 John 3:20; Psa.147:5; Heb.4:13;1 Chron. 28:9. This includes the past, the present, and the future. (Is. 46:9,10) It includes actuality, and contingencies. That is, he knows what will happen, and he knows what "could" possibly happen. There was never a time when God did not know anything or everything. The greatest and deepest and most fascinating thing that God knows is Himself, for He is infinitely deep in character and substance and beauty and wisdom.