

SURE AND STEADFAST.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: Heb. 6:19.

B. Regarding the text:

1. "Note: BOTH ***sure and steadfast.***"
 - 1) SURE = certain, (Translated Safe in **Phil. 3:1**).
 - 2) STEADFAST = sustaining one's steps; not breaking down; firm. As an anchor keeps a ship in place (Translated "firm" in **Hebrews 3:6**).
2. We can have a confidence that can withstand storms and temptations in our lives.
 - 1) We have this confidence because we have an anchor for our soul.
 - 2) An anchor holds one in place.

DISCUSSION: WE MUST MAKE OUR SALVATION SURE AND STEADFAST! How?

I. BY GIVING ATTENTION TO GOD'S WORD (INSTRUCTION IS NEEDED)!

A. Of course, by study (2 Tim. 2:15; Matt. 5:6).

B. Also, by loving His instruction (Psalm 119:97; 167)!

C. Make a time every day for study.

II. BY WALKING IN HIS WORD.

A. His word must be our guide (Psalm 26:1; 2 John 1:4).

B. We can be sure when we walk in His word.

C. Sometimes we must make adjustments.

1. By observing where we are (**James 1:21-25**) and making necessary adjustments (**Luke 13:3, 5; Revelation 2:5; 21; 2 Peter 3:9**).
2. The true disciple, say the rabbis, learns in order that he may do, not in order that he may merely know or teach.

D. To walk in His word is to walk with Him. The word "walk" is often used to denote human life or conduct.

1. **Psalm 43:3; 119:105.**
2. **Isaiah 2:5.**
3. **1 John 1:7.**

III. OUR ONLY HOPE IS IN HIM.

A. To be in Him requires obedience to His word (1 John 3:3; 1 Timothy 4:5; 1 Peter 1:23).

B. Then continue to walk in Him (Colossians 2:6; 1 John 2:6).

IV. MAKE IT AS SURE AS YOU CAN.

A. How can we do that?

1. Put your anchor down in a sure and trustworthy place.
2. Fasten it to the firm place: We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love!
3. **Psalm 1:1-6; Jeremiah 17:7-8.**

B. Build your house on the firm foundation (Matthew 7:24-25).

V. CONCLUSION:

A. We can live this life in confidence of eternal life.

B. Obey the gospel and "walk with your hand in the Lord's hand" (Isaiah 41:13).