

a study of the book of
HEBREWS
pressing on towards maturity

I. PURPOSE OF THE PASSAGE

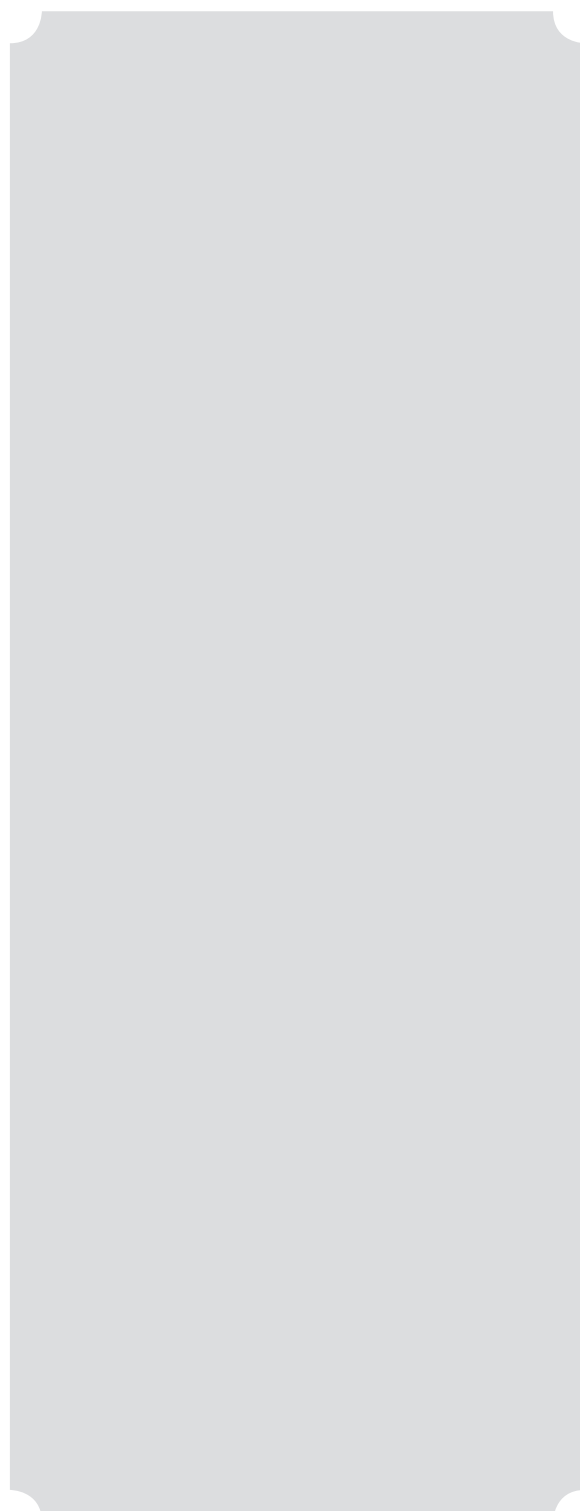
- A. To prevent excessive introspection
- B. To introduce the material from 7:1-10:21
 - 1. The section contains 90 verses without any call to action.
 - 2. The section concentrates on Christian hope.

II. CENTRAL PICTURE OF THE SECTION - AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL

- A. Role of an anchor
 - 1. To protect a ship in harbor from the movement due to winds and tides.
 - 2. To keep a ship in a storm.
- B. The vocabulary of the book seems to point to the second picture.

III. HOPE IN GOD IS SEEN AS THE ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL.

- A. Hope and faith are closely related.



B. Hope focuses on issues of the future and unseen.

1. Future - example: the second coming of Christ
2. Unseen - example: I will never leave you or forsake you.

C. Faith and Hope

1. Faith focuses on the present moment and affects the outcome of my experience.
2. Hope focuses on the future and the unseen and affects my outlook.
3. Hope comes when I concentrate on what God has promised.
4. Hope in the future enables me to live by faith in the present.
5. In the stormy moments of life, hope becomes the anchor which enables me to survive.

