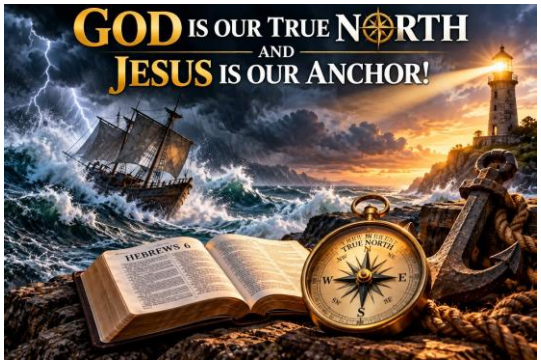
Grace and Peace to you from the Philippines.



Here is our reading for today, Friday, October 23, 2026.Chapter 6 opens with the word "Therefore." This refers back to Chapter 5 regarding Christian maturity, or better yet, Christian "immaturity." We, as Christ-followers, need to mature in GOD's Word daily. The writer of Hebrews is telling us that once we understand and accept the basic principles of Christ, such as repentance and faith, we need to "move on" toward spiritual maturity.

Someone wisely said, "Faith is not faith until it's been tested." Remember when GOD tested Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice Isaac, his son of promise? (See Genesis 22.) When Abraham demonstrated his faith, GOD stopped him and provided a ram in Isaac's place.

The Bible says, "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." (James 1:3)

Our lesson from GOD's Word today is that we need to "grow up" spiritually. How do we do that? One way is to stay in GOD's Word daily and keep our hearts open to HIS leading in our lives. Talk to GOD throughout your day in prayer. There's no need to stop, get down on your knees, and close your eyes. I pray a lot with my eyes open! You can talk to GOD anytime. HE is only a whisper away.

When reading GOD's Word, we should ask ourselves, "What is GOD speaking to me about today?" Then, make the proper corrections in our lives. That's how we grow toward spiritual maturity.

Today, as followers of Christ, we need to lean on GOD and HIS powerful hand of mercy. Some believers live in fear of what is happening in the Middle East and America. They are like a ship tossed about in a stormy sea without an anchor or compass. They have little hope. We need to realize that our hope is not in an election or a government official. We need a sure Hope and an Anchor to keep us steadfast. In today's reading, we find two wonderful promises from GOD.

First, GOD cannot lie! (Hebrews 6:18)

GOD always keeps HIS Word. GOD is our "True North." Wherever you are, whatever situation you find yourself in, you can always look to our Heavenly Father for stability. HIS position never changes. Look to HIM during your most fearful times. HE promises to be there for you.

GOD IS OUR TRUE NORTH!

Second, JESUS is our Anchor! (Hebrews 6:19)

With GOD the Son as our LORD and Saviour, we have hope in JESUS, an Anchor for our souls.

Many people today have little sense of security or safety. We live in a world of chaos, uncertainty, and fear. But our hope is not found in the things of this world. Our hope is found in JESUS CHRIST! For peace and security, trust JESUS and HIS Holy Word. Read your Bible every day. Stay anchored in JESUS CHRIST and keep your eyes on our True North, GOD Almighty, our Creator. HE alone will guide you through these difficult days and bring you safely into the haven of HIS care.

JESUS has promised, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5)

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