

Morning sermon series – Anchored: Find Grace, Stand Firm

"Committed God" (Hebrews 7v20-8v2)

In darker times, we may doubt how committed God is to us personally. But we are anchored in the Son who “always lives to intercede for us” (7v25).

What things characterise a committed relationship?

1) Committed (7v20-28)

Jesus is applying what he did for you on the cross in your life now, as your King and Priest, every day. The Father is fully committed to your salvation through his Son, Jesus Christ (7v20-21). So, the Father swears an oath as he appoints Jesus to be your King and Priest (v21). And the Son also gives his unchangeable promise of relationship with him (v22). This is unshakable salvation and security (v25).

You can't, therefore, fall in and out of God's family, or in and out of forgiveness, or in and out of God's love. *What does this mean for our ongoing sin?* Godly sorrow can lead us to be more conscious of strengthening grace.

What is Jesus' commitment towards us like? The risen, eternal Son stands in the presence of the Father, as your priest, speaking for you personally, praying for you ceaselessly (v25). His mediation is fully effective (and needed) every moment of your life. His lavishing of the effects of his death (v26-28) and resurrection on you is effective and continual.

2) Close (8v1-2)

Verses 1 and 2 of chapter 8 are a great summary. Jesus is our Priest and King who ministers on our behalf in the heavenly realms! So hold fast to him, be anchored to him: don't let anything or anyone keep you from him.

These truths are an invitation to enjoy God and to delight in the close access to him that we've been given (see 10v19-22). Not only has Jesus entered the close, relational presence of God, the true 'holy of holies' (8v1-2), but he takes us there with him (10v19-22 again).

Is this the heartbeat and delight of our lives?

Anchored in Jesus!