

Anchor For Your Soul
Isaiah 65:17-25

What kind of hope is an anchor for your soul?

- I. The hope of pain eclipsed by joy
 - A. No more pain (v. 17-20; Gen. 3:16-17)
 - B. The source of joy (v. 19a)
- II. The hope of frustration eclipsed by fruitfulness
 - A. The frustration of work (v. 21-23; Gen. 3:17-19)
 - B. Your labor is not in vain (v. 23; Gen. 3:15,18; 1 Cor. 15:58)
- III. The hope of conflict eclipsed by oneness
 - A. The source of conflict (Gen. 3:15-16)
 - B. Oneness through Jesus (v. 24-25)

Application Guide:

1. Does your joy come from the absence of painful circumstances or from the pleasure you pursue and capture, or does your joy come from Jesus?
2. Does your frustration with work lead you to the extremes of idealism or cynicism? Or does your frustration lead you to Jesus, where you find deep assurance that your labor, as incomplete as it may seem, is never in vain?
3. Do you believe that your relational conflict is a tool in the hands of Christ to create beautiful oneness?