



# HEBREWS

JESUS IS GREATER

<sup>13</sup> For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, <sup>14</sup> saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." <sup>15</sup> And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. <sup>16</sup> For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. <sup>17</sup> So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath,

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<sup>18</sup> so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. <sup>19</sup> We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup> where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

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# Promise & Patience

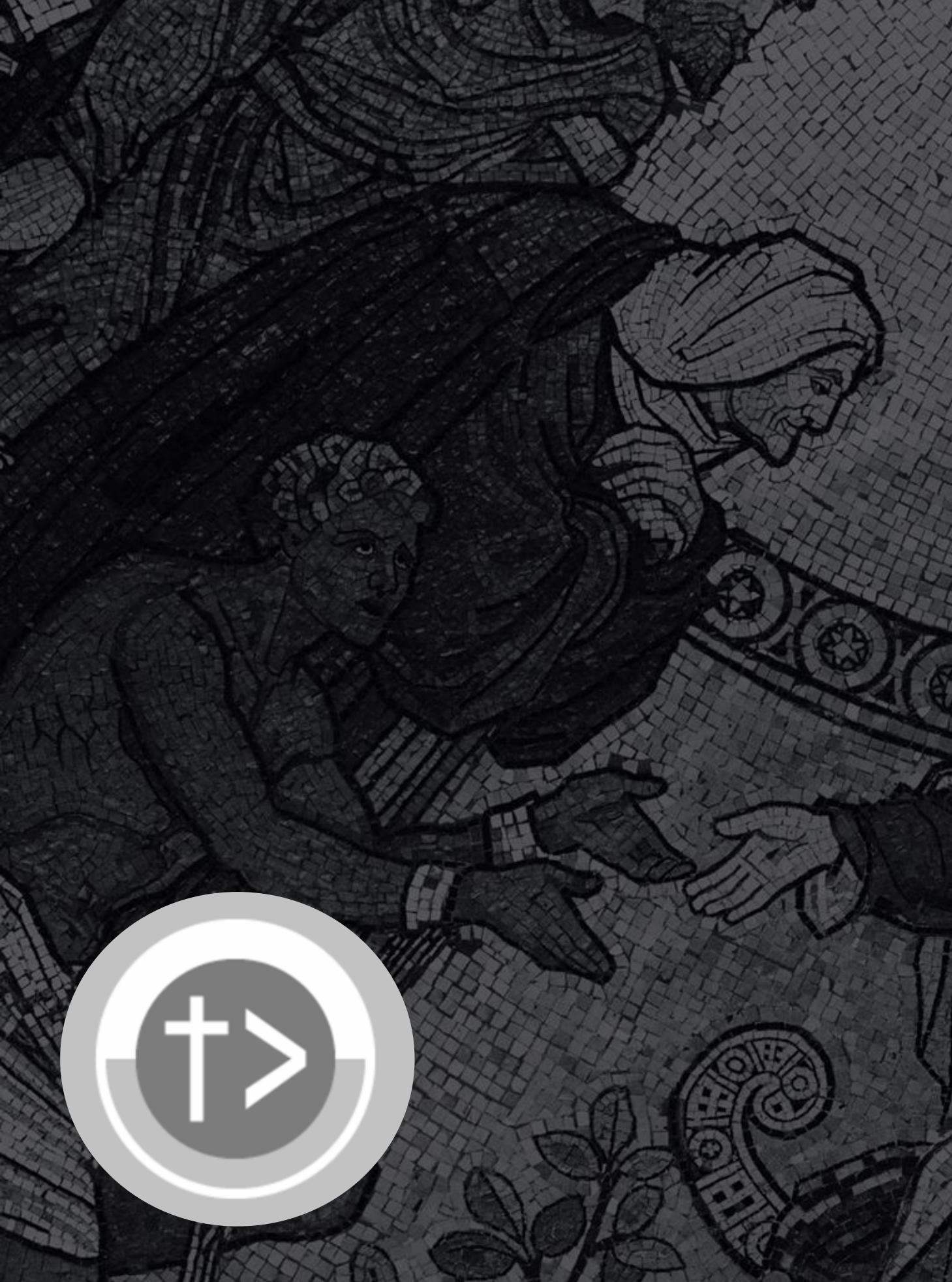
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## Hebrews 6:11-12

<sup>11</sup> And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup> so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.



# ABRAHAM

**4 Promises in Genesis 12:2-7**

**1) Great Nation (v.2)**

**2) Great Name (v.2)**

**3) All Nations to be Blessed (v.3)**

**4) Land (v.7)**

**Hebrews 11:8-12**



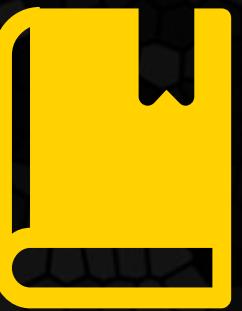
# Pledge, Promise, Oath

- Numbers 30:1-2
  - considered contractually binding
  - breaking an oath brought consequences



## Numbers 30:1-2

Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the people of Israel, saying, "This is what the Lord has commanded. <sup>2</sup> If a man vows a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.



## Matthew 5:33-37

33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

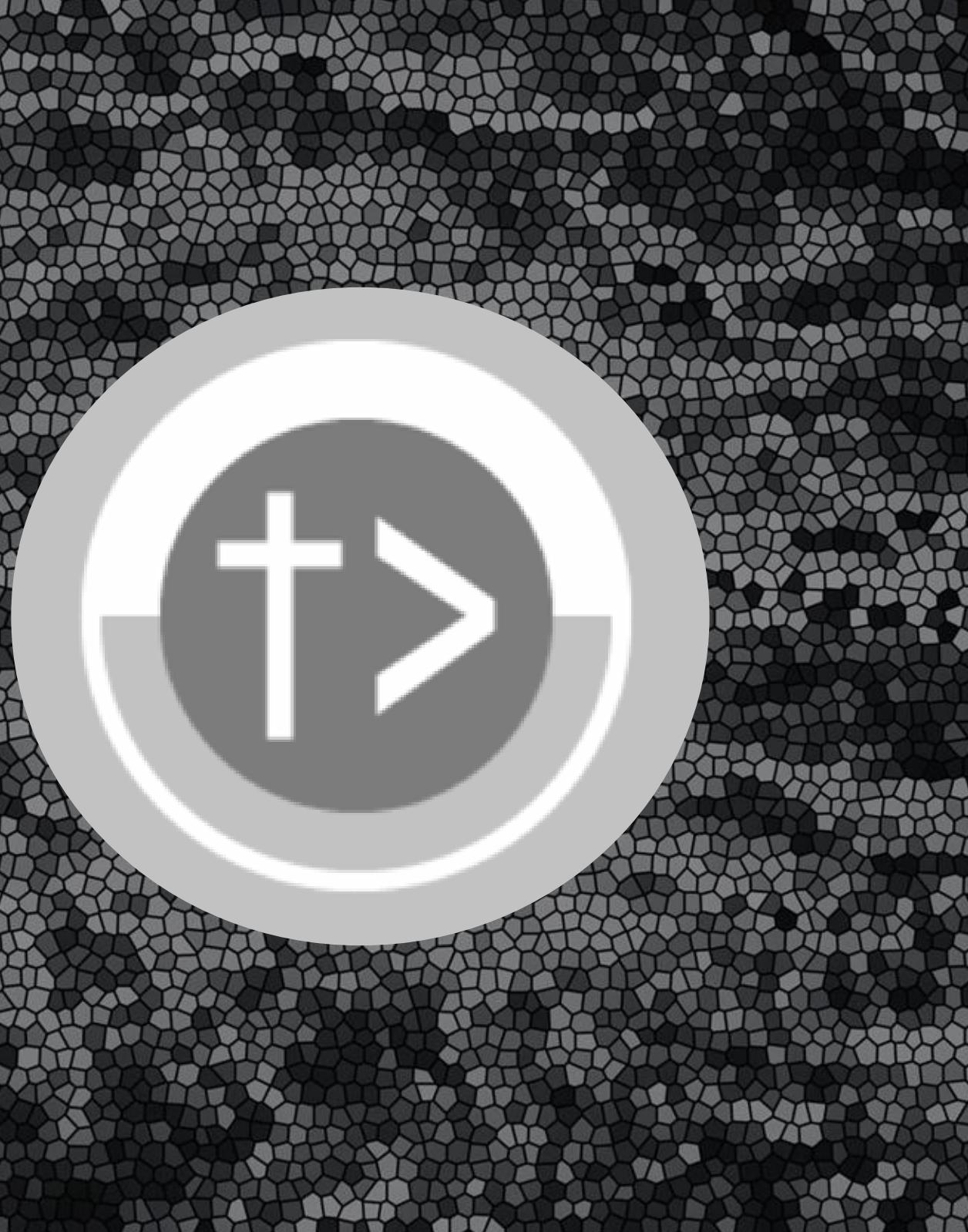
# 2 Unchangeable Things

## 1. The Nature Of God

- all-powerful
- cannot change
- cannot lie

## 2. His Word, Promise, Pledge, Oath





# God's Oath to Us: The Holy Spirit

- 2 Corinthians 1:22 - a seal
- 2 Corinthians 5:5 - a guarantee
- Ephesians 1:14 - sealed,  
promised, guarantee



# Patience & Hope

- *makrothymesas* (patience)
  - endurance
  - purposeful, trusting, confident
- *elpis* (hope)
  - expectation, confidence

# Our Hope is Christ

- a refuge
- an anchor
- the inner place
- forerunner, captain,  
author, founder



God always delivers on  
His promises, but it may  
require patience because  
it may not be within the  
timeline that we expect.



# Promise & Patience

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