

THE PROMISE KEEPING GOD

Hebrews 6:13-20

GOD IS A PROMISE KEEPER

- ““For when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, He swore by Himself: 14 I will indeed bless you, and I will greatly multiply you. 15 And so, after waiting patiently, Abraham obtained the promise. 16 For people swear by something greater than themselves, and for them a confirming oath ends every dispute. 17 Because God wanted to show His unchangeable purpose even more clearly to the heirs of the promise, He guaranteed it with an oath,” (Hebrews 6:13-17)
- “The Lord said to Abram: Go from your land, your relatives, and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:1-3)
- “Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.” (Genesis 15:6)
- **Affirming God as a Promise Keeper is foundational to our understanding of the character of God.**
- **The same way Abraham inherited his promised blessings, true Christians will inherit God’s promises through Christ.**
- **Learning to “wait patiently” is how we endure until we receive our eternal inheritance.**

GOD CANNOT LIE

- “He guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us,” (Hebrews 6:17b-18)
- **We can trust in the reliability of God’s promises because He has shown repeatedly that He is trustworthy in all He says and does.**
- **God went to tremendous lengths to help us establish confidence in His trustworthiness because of His deep love for us.**
- “Because God wanted to show His unchangeable purpose even more clearly to the heirs of the promise...” (Hebrews 6:17a)

JESUS ENSURES OUR SALVATION IS SECURE

- “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain. 20 Jesus has entered there on our behalf as a forerunner, because He has become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” (Hebrews 6:20)
- **There is no better person than Jesus to secure our salvation and guaranteed inheritance from God!**
- **We can find strength and encouragement in the fact that Jesus serves as our High Priest before our Heavenly Father.**

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

Observation

- What is the **primary** theme of Hebrews 6:13-20?
- What does it mean that God swore by Himself, and how does this relate to His unchangeable nature?
- How do the promises made to Abraham find their fulfillment in Christ?
- Why is belief in God’s promises considered an act of righteousness (cf. Genesis 15:6)?

Understanding

- Are there areas in your life where you are struggling to trust God’s timing? What would it look like to “wait patiently” like Abraham?
- What promises of God are you currently holding onto in your spiritual walk?
- How can a deeper trust in God’s promises transform your response to hardship or uncertainty?
- Why is it significant to our faith that it is “impossible for God to lie”?
- How does knowing God cannot lie affect the way you read and apply Scripture?
- When you face uncertainty about your salvation, what truths from this passage can you cling to?

Loving Outward:

- Who do you need to share the gospel with this week?
- Who do you need to follow-up with regarding the gospel?
- Who are you bringing to church next Sunday?