

## **“We Are There Too!”**

### **Hebrews 6:13-20**

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When I prepare for a sermon, I have two fundamental goals. First, I want to explain the passage well. Second, I want to bring an application for today that is solidly rooted in something that is true in the passage. You will see the dance between these two goals this morning.

We ended the sermon last week with Hebrews 6:11-12. The last two words of verse 12 are the connection to the following passage,,, “the promises.” The author of Hebrews then goes right to a major promise given to Abraham.

**Hebrews 6:13-14** What is the author referring to? It was when Abraham passed His last great test of faith with the sacrifice of Isaac (Read Genesis 22:1-2). This was going to be Abraham’s final exam of faith. And you know how this played out. Abraham, without hesitating, came within seconds of sacrificing his son when God supplied a ram. Read what the author would later write in Hebrews 11:17-19a. Look at what God said this to Abraham in Genesis 22:15-17a. This was an oath that God swore to Abraham, and which the author of Hebrews would reference in Hebrews 6:13-14.

Let’s go on with that Genesis account. Read Genesis 22:17b-18. When you read this promise in Genesis, you can easily see it as a promise to Abraham for his Jewish descendants. But there is so much more depth to it. We’ll get into that in a second, but let’s continue in Hebrews first.

**Hebrews 6:15-16** The word “confirmation” is technical term meaning a “legal certification.” So, God’s oath was certified or confirmed by Himself.

**Hebrews 6:17** You need to ask a question here. Who were “the heirs of the promise”? Were they just the Jewish people? Look at the verse 18.

**Hebrews 6:18** First, the two unchangeable things are the promise made to Abraham and the oath by God. Now granted, the author of Hebrews was writing to a distinctly Jewish Christian audience. But do the words “heirs of the promise” also extend to Gentile Christians? We get the words for our hymn from this verse.

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said—  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

It turns out that promise made to Abraham, secured by God’s oath, was not just for the Jewish people. It was for us too! Consider what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Gentile believers in Galatians 3:6. This happened when God showed Abraham the stars in Genesis 15:5-6. But keep reading Galatians 3:7-8. The Apostle Paul was not referencing Genesis 12:3 where God used the word “families”, but 22:18 where God used the word “nations.” That word “nations” is pronounced “goy” in Hebrew, and it refers to the Gentiles. Keep reading Galatians 3:8-9. And don’t overlook that word “gospel. Look also at Galatians 3:14 and 3:29.

Here's my point. The promise, secured by God's oath, that He made to Abraham in Genesis 22 was not just for the Jewish people. It was for us Gentile Christians also! We are there too! Think of it. You are included in the book of Genesis!

**Hebrews 6:19** The sure and certain hope of salvation in Christ is our anchor. The anchor became a symbol for Christians from the earliest days of the church. One commentator wrote, "Several pictures of anchors can be found in the Roman catacombs." And anchors are in our Christian songs.

*In times like these we need a Savior;  
In times like these we need an anchor.  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*

Our anchor is sure and steadfast. Our salvation is secure! Our hope reaches behind the curtain separating the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies.

Read **Hebrews 6:20**.

I started out today stating I have two fundamental goals in a sermon. One is to bring an application for today that is solidly rooted in something that is true in the passage. I have done that. We Gentile believers were there in God's mind when He blessed Abraham in Genesis 22. And think about it, this was long before the Mosaic Law ever came into being. This was also long before there was a Jewish nation. The next time you read Genesis 22 be sure to see yourself in God's promise to Abraham. That promise was not just for the Jews.

However... I haven't yet fully explained Hebrews 6:13-20. There is something more. Here's a question that gets right to the heart of it. Why did the author of Hebrews mention Abraham here? Writing about the promise God made to Abraham does not seem to fit his flow of thought. The book of Hebrews is all about highlighting the person and work of Christ. It is not about Abraham. So how does Hebrews 6:13-20 fit into the author's line of thought?

There is something that figures prominently here... it was the oath that God swore to Abraham. God swore another oath, one that the author of Hebrews both has before mentioned and will soon mention. It is found initially in Psalm 110:4. This oath appears earlier in Hebrews 5:6, and later in Hebrews 7:18-22. Hebrews 6:13-20 is right in the middle. Read Hebrews 7:18-22. *Hebrews 7:20a is a double negative... meaning that Jesus became a priest with an oath, unlike the other Jewish priests.* Do you remember Hebrews 6:17? God guaranteed His promise to Abraham with an oath, and made Jesus a priest with an oath, making Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant than the Mosaic Law. And this is exactly why Hebrews 6:19-20 mentions Melchizedek. The author's point is not Abraham, but the oath God swore to Abraham. The security of that oath is like the security of God's oath making Jesus a priest forever. And Jesus is not just our priest, He is also our High Priest. He only needed to offer one sacrifice for us... Himself on the cross.

I now have reached my second goal... to explain the passage well.

So, I have a question to ask you. Do you see yourself God's word to Abraham in Genesis 22:18? You should if you are a Christian. You are part of "the nations." You were there in this verse too!