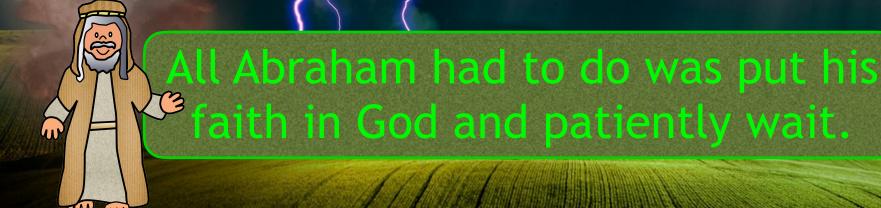




Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. (vs. 16-19)



Since God had no greater authority by whom to swear, He swore by Himself.



"The Promise"

epanglia = a promised good or blessing (Heb. 9:15)

"The Gospel" (Romans 1:16)

euangelion = glad tidings of salvation through Christ!

Those who receive the promise

... can be perfectly sure that He will "never change his mind."

... can "hold fast" to the hope (confident assurance) of God's promise!

God's Final Word on Eternal Security

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Are God's promises trustworthy? They are guaranteed by His own perfectly trustworthy, unchangeable character.

Anchor = strength, stability, and immutability (Heb. 6:17,13:8)

Our hope is in the All-Sufficient Person and saving work of Christ



God's unilateral promise to fulfill His covenant!