

GREATER THAN

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

HEBREWS

6:9-20

A SURE HOPE

9But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way.

10For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

11And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end,

12so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

14saying, "I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply you."

15And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

16For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute.

17In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath,

18so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

19This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

20where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."



Central**GROUPS**

DIGGING IN

Read Hebrews 6:9-20

DISCUSS

- What contrast does the “but” signify? What is the connection of this passage and to the preceding passage?
- Better things than what?
- What kind of things accompany salvation?
- What good things had they done before? Should they rely on those past works towards God?
- Last week we discussed eternal security. How can we balance verse 11 with eternal security? Does this verse mean we can only be saved if we diligently follow God? Are we saved by our works?
- Since Christ has saved us, what do you view your responsibility towards him to be? How much do you owe him? What part of your time, finances, and life should you give to him?
- What is the “full assurance of hope” mentioned?
- What promise did God make to Abraham?
- How long did Abraham wait to see God’s promise (of having Isaac) fulfilled? How do you think he felt in the interim? If you were in his shoes, how would you have felt? What attitude was necessary for Abraham as he waited? What principle is revealed in this time gap between promise and fulfillment?
- Did God’s purposes/plans change? Did they change when Abraham/Sarah “helped” God by having a child through Hagar? Can we change God’s eternal purposes? Then what should you do?
- How do you feel about the fact that God’s purposes are unchangeable? What effect does this truth have on us? Are there any applications we can make based on this?
- What are your thoughts on the phrase: “it is impossible for God to lie?”
- What is the author’s conclusion as to how the knowledge that God’s promises never fail should affect us?
- What words which convey security are mentioned in verse 19? How does this concept balance with the admonition to be diligent back in verse 11?
- What does it mean “one which enters within the veil?”
- In what way or ways is Jesus our forerunner?