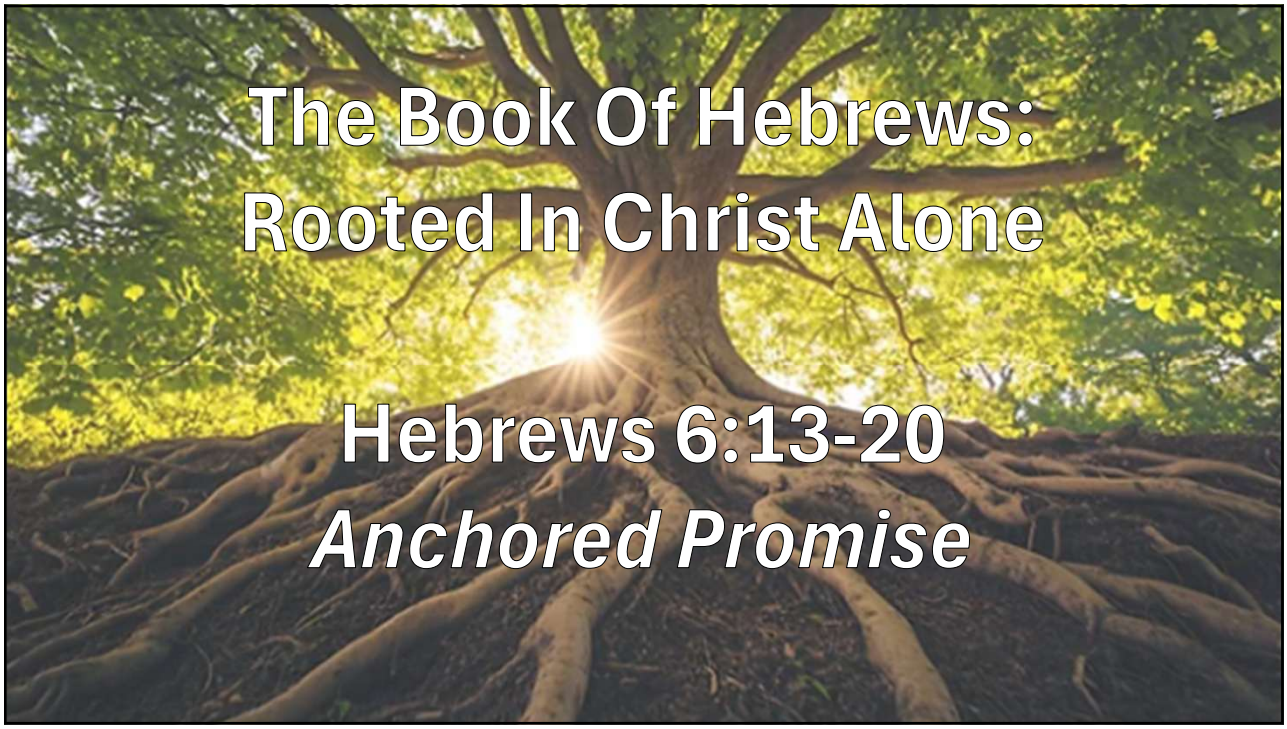


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Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
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1 Timothy
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Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James

God's Faithfulness Is Affirmed Through The Certainty Of His Promises



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Hebrews 6:13–20

The Book Of Hebrews
Rooted In Christ Alone

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GOD'S PROMISE vs. 13-16

The Foundation

- God's promise for redemption
  Genesis 3:15
  "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

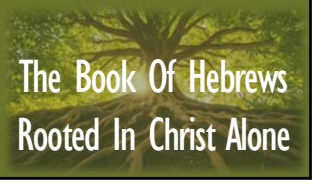
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GOD'S PROMISE vs. 13-16

The Foundation

- God's promise for redemption - Genesis 3:15
- God's guarantee for fulfilling promise
  - Himself – no one greater
  - An oath was guaranteed by a higher authority
  - Breaking of the oath would lead to death

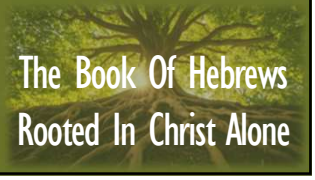


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GOD'S PROMISE vs. 13-16

The Foundation

- God's promise for redemption - Genesis 3:15
- God's guarantee for fulfilling promise
- God's covenant oath with Abraham
  - Genesis 12:1-3 – the call to move
  - Genesis 13:14-18 – promise of land
  - Genesis 15:1-21 – promise to the fatherless
  - Genesis 17:1-14 – bless the multiple nations and the sign of the covenant
  - Genesis 22:15-19 – blessing to all nations



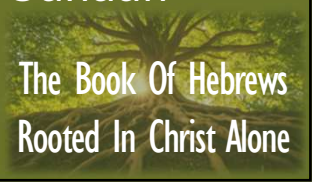
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GOD'S PROMISE vs. 13-16

The Foundation

The Father Of Many

- Abraham's faithfulness tried
- Abraham and Sarah were childless – impossible to fulfill God promise to multiple with no children
- Patient but not always perfect
  - Abraham given promise at 75
  - Backup plan – 10 years after arriving in Canaan
  - Promise reminded about God's plan – 13 years after Ishmael born
  - Promise fulfilled – Abraham was 100



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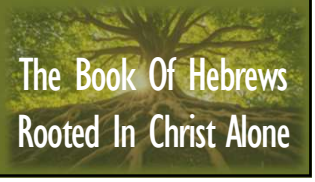
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The Foundation

The Father Of Many

Faithfulness To The Test – Genesis 22

- Call to sacrifice Isaac
- Abraham moved forward in faith – Genesis 22:8 Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

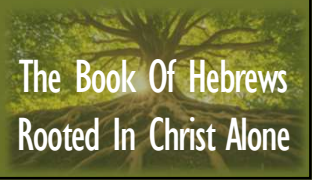


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God's Promise vs. 13-16

The Foundation
The Father Of Many
Faithfulness To The Test – Genesis 22

- Call to sacrifice Isaac
- Abraham moved forward in faith – Genesis 22:8
- Isaac on the altar
- God provided a ram
- Proven faithfulness
- Promise made – Genesis 22:17-18



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Genesis 22:17–18

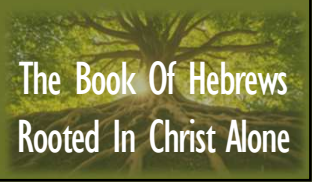
And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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God's Promise vs. 13-16

The Foundation
The Father Of Many
Faithfulness To The Test – Genesis 22
Faithfulness Of God Is Still Secure

- This was a reminder to first century Jewish audience that God keeps His promise
- The Jewish audience were a direct result of this promise
- God's new covenant through Jesus to the church

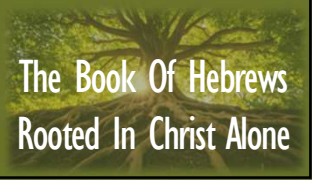


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God's Purpose vs. 17-18

Certainty Of Redemptive Plan

- God's promise spoken moving to reality over time
- Promise to Abraham not just to Abraham but also to the heirs of Abraham
- Continual fulfillment by God despite the unfaithfulness of the heirs
- Fulfillment through Jesus
  - Abraham to Jesus – Matthew 1:1-17
  - Adam to Jesus – Luke 3:23-38

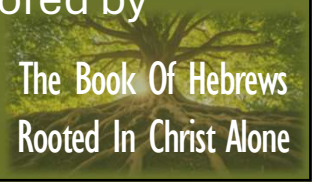


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GOD'S PURPOSE vs. 17-18

Certainty Of Redemptive Plan
Certainty Of Promise
(Promise - a statement of future intent for assurance)

- God cannot die
  - Fulfilling the oath – legally binding
  - Eternal God
- God cannot lie
  - Covenant (plan for future usually anchored by blood) will be fulfilled
  - God can always be trusted

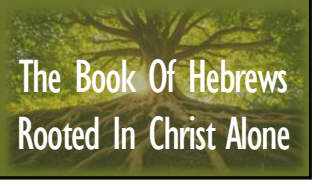


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GOD'S PURPOSE vs. 17-18

Certainty Of Redemptive Plan
Certainty Of Promise
Certainty Of Refuge

- The need for refuge
  - Spiritual bondage and death
  - Spiritual freedom and life
- Hope of refuge is Jesus Christ
- God's plan of redemption is our refuge
- Guaranteed and delivered

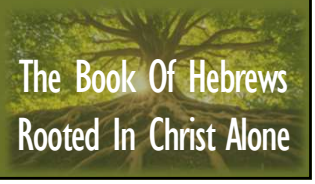


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GOD'S PROVISION vs. 19-20

Our Anchor

- To God's original promise of redemption
- Assurance through God's plan through Jesus
- Hope in Jesus Christ alone



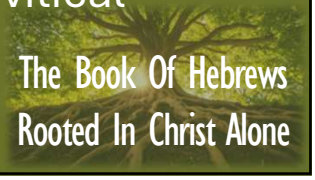
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GOD'S PROVISION vs. 19-20

Our Anchor

Our High Priest Forever

- The curtain – the veil in the tabernacle and later the temple
- Inner place – the Most Holy Place
- High priest of life not law
  - Melchizedek – interaction with Abraham
  - Mosaic Law – linage through Arron – Levitical Priest
  - Levitical priest could not be a king

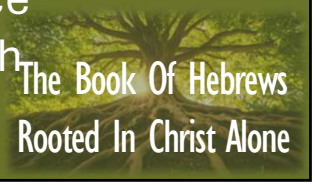


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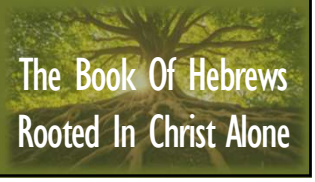
Our Anchor
Our High Priest Forever
Certainty Of God's Promise

- God brought redemption through Jesus Christ
- God brought seal of salvation through the Holy Spirit
- God brought sanctification through the transformation
- God will bring glorification at His presence
- God will return Jesus Christ for the church
- Wait patiently for God's plan



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LIVING THE PROMISE
OR
REJECTING THE PROMISE



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