

I. IMPORT. OF SOLID FOOD: WARNING, ENCOURAGEMENT & EXHORTATION

- A. IMMATURITY IN WORD TOWARD APOSTASY; WORKS OF LOVE; GROW IN WORD INTO HEAVEN; FOLLOW EXAMPLES OF MATURE FAITH** (5:11-6:20; see 10:26-11:40)
- B. REJECT SOLID FOOD TOWARD HELL; WORKS OF LOVE; ENDURANCE INTO HEAVEN; FOLLOW EXAMPLES OF MATURE FAITH** (10:26-11:40)
- C. FULL ASSURANCE OF HOPE UNTIL END; IMITATORS OF FAITHFUL, PATIENT HEIRS** (6:11,12→13-20; see 10:19-25→10:26-11:1f; hope: 3:6; 6:11,18,19; 7:19; 10:23 11:1f)

II. ABRAHAM: EXAMPLE OF FAITH, HOPE & ENDURANCE (6:13-20; see 11:1f, 8-19)

- A. ABRAHAM: PROTOTYPE OF FAITH** (6:13-20; see 11:1f, 8-19; Rom.4:11,1f; Gal.3:7,9,29)
- B. PROMISE TO ABRAHAM** (13f; see Gen.12:1f; 13:14f; 15:5; 17:21; 22:17,f; 25:7; see Heb.11:8-19)
- C. PROMISE WITH AN OATH** (13f; Gen.22:17; see Heb.7:20f (Ps.110:4); see 3:11,18; Lk.1:73)
1. an approved example (16,13f; see Ex.22:11; Num.5:21; see Rom.1:9; 2Cor.1:23; Phil.1:8; 1Th.2:5 /Gal.3:15)
 2. swear by His Name alone (Dt.6:13; 5:11 /Lv19:12; Nm5:21; Gn24:3f; 47:31; 1S24:21; Ps15:4; 63:11; Is45:23)
 3. the One called upon to witness oaths, swears an oath (13,14; see Jn.1:51; 3:3,5,11; etc.)
 4. word repeated as a second witness (13,14; 18; see Dt.19:15)
 5. ordinarily, “swear” by yourself (13; Mt.5:33f,37 (23:16f); Jms.5:12)
 6. under necessity, swear by the Name of the Lord alone and speak truth only (16; see Dt.6:13; Num.5:21; Mt.23:16f; e.g., civil, ecclesiastical court; marriage, membership, contracts)
- D. ASSURANCE ENABLES ENDURANCE** (oath; esp. w/delayed fulfillment; 15, 12; see 1Jn.5:10)
- E. PURPOSE: STRONG ENCOURAGEMENT BY SHOWING UNCHANGEABLENESS** (17,18; see Num.23:19; 1Sam.15:29; Ps.33:11; Is.46:10f; Mal.3:6; Jms.1:17)
- F. RESULT: REFUGEES TAKE HOLD OF HOPE PUT IN OUR HANDS** (18; 12:1,2; see 3:6,14; 4:14; 10:23; see 1Cor.10:14; 6:18; Mt.3:7; see Dt.30:14=Rom.10:8; see Jn.10:27f)
- G. ILLUSTRATION: SOLID, IMMOVEABLE ANCHOR IN HEAVEN** (19,20; see 1:3; 4:14; 10:19f; Rom.8:24; Jn.14:2f; Phil.3:4; see Gen.2:8f; 3:24; 1Kngs.6:14f)

III. BE DILIGENT TO IMITATE ABRAHAM BY FOLLOWING CHRIST IN PERSEVERING FAITH IN HIS WORD & ASSURED HOPE IN HIS PROMISES
(6:11,12; 18-20; see 10:19f,36; Jn.8:56f /Heb.4:1)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)