



TITLE:
The Promise of God

TEXT:
Hebrews 6:11-20

And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: [12] That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. [13] For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, [14] Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. [15] And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. [16] For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. [17] Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: [18] That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: [19] Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; [20] Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Exhortation with Regard to the Promises of God

- Do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:
 - “Full assurance of hope” - Entire confidence of hope.
- Be followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
 - Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1).
 - Patience means endurance, longsuffering or perseverance.

Abraham as an Example

- God’s promise to Abraham (Gen 22:15-18).
- God sware by Himself.
 - For men verily swear by the greater, and there is no one greater than God Himself.
 - An oath is made between two parties to end all strife. God made an oath between Him and His people.
- Abraham had patiently endured and had obtained the promise. Abraham had seen the promise afar off (Heb. 11:13).

The Promise of God

- God intends to show more abundantly than men.
 - The believers as the heirs of promise.
 - The immutability (unchangeability or fixed) of His counsel (purpose or volition).
 - God confirmed His fixed purpose by an oath.
- The two immutable (unchangeable) things:
 - It was impossible for God to lie.
 - We have Jesus Christ
 - He is the anchor of the soul.
 - He is sure and stedfast (firm or stable).
 - He enters into the veil (presence of God) as our High Priest.
- We might have strong consolation (comfort).
 - As a person who fled for refuge.
- Some of the promises of God.
 - Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
 - John 14:2-3 In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
 - Luke 12:29-31 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. [30] For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. [31] But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.