

## SERMON OUTLINE

In Hebrews 6:13-20 we are shown 3 reasons believers can have the full assurance of hope until the end (v. 11).

- I. Abraham did, and he is an example for us.
  - A. God made a promise, swearing by Himself (vs. 13-14).
  - B. Abraham inherited the promise, having patiently waited (v. 15).
- II. God's promises certainly come to pass.
  - A. His purpose is unchangeable (v. 17a).
  - B. His promise is guaranteed with an oath (vs. 16, 17b).
  - C. Because He cannot lie, His unchangeable purpose guaranteed by His oath leads to our assurance, perseverance & refuge (v. 18).
- III. Our hope is in Jesus.
  - A. The Anchor of our soul (v. 19a).
  - B. The Forerunner of our assurance (vs. 19b, 20a).
  - C. The eternal Melchizedekian High Priest (v. 20b).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 26, 2020

Passage: Hebrews 6:13-20

Memory Passage: Hebrews 6:19-20

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 6:13-20.** Though it may seem redundant, placing a passage in its context is the first and most important hermeneutical principle. This is shown often in Hebrews because of the way our author writes. So . . . How do vs. 13-20 connect with what has preceded (notice v. 13 begins with “For”)? How does it prepare us for what follows in chapter 7?
- (b) Why does our author begin talking about Abraham in v. 13 (just in case you didn’t mention this in the first question)?
- (c) To which of the passages presenting God’s promise to Abraham is our author referring and how do you know (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:4; 17:4-8, 15-22; 22:16-18)?
- (c) Consider: 6:13-20 serve as a transition back to the author’s train of thought started in 5:5-10 but abandoned in 5:11. How does the topic of “oath” function in this transition (hint: you’ll need to scan chapter 7 to see where this transition leads)?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 6:13-20.** For what did Abraham patiently wait and how long did he wait for it (cf. Gen. 12:4, 21:5)?
- (b) In what ways does Abraham (vs. 13-15) serve as an example for us to imitate (6:11-12, see also 11:8-19)?
- (c) Why must oaths be sworn “by something greater than themselves” (v. 16) and how does this apply to God?
- (d) How do oaths function as “final for confirmation” of the legal claim being made?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 6:13-20.** What is the promise and who are its heirs (v. 17)?
- (b) Legal terminology abounds in this passage: in v. 17, “show more convincingly” translates a Greek word used in 1<sup>st</sup>-century legal settings to mean “to show proof” of something and “unchangeable” translates a Greek word used in 1<sup>st</sup>-century wills and contracts to refer to items that were unable to be annulled. How do they undergird “the character of his purpose?”
- (c) How does God’s oath “show more convincingly . . . the unchangeable character of His purpose?”
- (d) What are the “two unchangeable things” mentioned in v. 18?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb 6:13-20.** Who are those “who have fled,” from what have they “fled,” and what “refuge” have they sought?
- (b) What is “the hope set before us” and how do the “two unchangeable things” give us “strong encouragement to hold fast?”
- (c) How does this hope function as “a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul?”
- (d) Consider the truths in vs. 19-20 in reverse order and write a sentence explaining how these truths make it possible for us to “hold fast to the hope set before us?”

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 6:13-20.** In what ways is your patience challenged during these days of COVID-19 and how does this passage help you “through patience inherit the promises?”
- (b) What is the difference between Biblical hope and worldly hope? Using the truths you’ve learned this week, in what ways will you overcome the temptations to look at the world through worldly hope rather than through Biblical hope?
- (c) Explain the faith-empowering benefit of being able to “enter into the inner place behind the curtain.” Why would this be such a shocking journey in the first century? Why would it be a shocking journey today?
- (d) How does knowing your soul is anchored to Christ help you avoid apostasy (6:4-8) and persevere to the end?

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*Christ Our Anchor*