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### **Hebrews 6:13-20 - NLT**

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#### **1. The Promise**

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This was a great promise. We all desire blessing. Most Christians yearn for fruitfulness. Most believers want influence and stature in the areas of their calling. The average parent desires to see their children prosper.

#### **Psalm 144:12**

That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth. That our daughters may be as pillars, sculptured in palace style.

This was an incredible promise - a promise related to a multi-generational inheritance. This promise was aligned to God's heart and purpose not only for Abraham, but his descendants, many, many to come.

### **Galatians 3:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." <sup>7</sup>**Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.** <sup>8</sup>And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." <sup>9</sup>So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

You and I are also the off-spring of Abraham. The promise was just not for Abraham's physical seed.

**Questions:** What promises of God for you and your children, or your future, career, business, ministry are you holding onto?

### **2. We inherit the promises through faith and patience.**

<sup>15</sup>Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised. Hebrews 6:12...but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**Questions:** Do you struggle when it comes to inheriting the promises of God? Do you have faith that the promises of God will come to fruition in your life but lack the patience. Do you have patience but lack the faith? It is through faith and patience that we inherit the promises.

### **3. God was stood as the guarantor of His own word.**

#### **Hebrews 6: 16-17**

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so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind.

Unfortunately, we live in a day and age where, as human beings because of our sinfulness, there is a lot of lying, falsification of facts. **Sometimes our word is not necessarily our bond.** Lying has all but become the norm in much of society.

God took an oath in his own name/swore by himself simply because there was no higher authority. Only He is the real deal. God was stood as the guarantor of His own word. He promised it, He stands behind his promise - we can count on it.

**When we wait on the promises of God,** we need to be reassured that God always does what He says He will do. **Hebrews 10:23. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.**

**When our hope wanes we need to remember** that God will see to an end the work he has begun in us. **Philippians 1:6. Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.**

**Questions:** Is your word your bond? Do you completely believe that God does not change His mind concerning you, your children, your calling, your destiny, the gifts He has bestowed upon you?

#### **4. Hebrews 6:18.**

So, God has given **both his promise and his oath.** These two things are unchangeable because **it is impossible for God to lie.** Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great **confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.**

God guaranteed his trustworthiness through two unchangeable things: The word of promise and his oath in conformation of that word.

**Numbers 23:19. God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good.**

God is a God of truth, and His word is truth: Jesus said: **John 17:17. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.**

**God wants us to have unshakeable and living hope. He wants us to be a generation that lives in confident hope based on His integrity.** Where our anxieties are laid at His feet,

burdens relinquished to Him and totally confident and assured that He will come through for us at every turn of life.

God wants us to walk in the comfort, encouragement and exhortation that we have an inheritance and dominion that is eternal and unwavering.

## 5. Hebrews 6:19-20

### Amplified:

<sup>19</sup> **This hope [this confident assurance] we have as an anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whatever pressure bears upon it]—a safe and steadfast hope that enters within the veil [of the heavenly temple, that most Holy Place in which the very presence of God dwells], <sup>20</sup> where Jesus has entered [in advance] as a forerunner for us, having become a High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**

The hope of inheritance accomplishes for the soul the same thing which an anchor does for a ship. It holds it secure in the midst of storms. In the tempest and trials of life we are held secure by our hope.

In order to be "**steadfast**" and hold a vessel steady, an anchor must be tied to something immovable outside of the ship itself. A believer, like a sailing vessel, has an unbreakable, immovable anchor tied to his soul that gives him stability and security for his life - Jesus Christ.

### A. What is this hope?

#### 1. This hope/this confidence assurance that we have an eternal inheritance with Christ.

#### 1 Peter 1:3-9.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again **to a living hope through** the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> to an **inheritance incorruptible and undefiled** and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**2. This hope that we are co-heirs with Christ.**

**Romans 8:17. And if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.**

**3. This hope that we are seated together with Christ in heavenly places.**

Ephesians 2:6. And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

**4. This hope in Christ is such that we cannot be separated from the love of God.**

Romans 8: 38-39. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**5. This hope that the Lord Himself is the one who breaks open possibilities of deliverance for us.**

Micah 2:13. Amplified. The breaker [the Messiah, who opens the way] shall go up before them [liberating them]. They will break out, pass through the gate and go out. So their King goes on before them, The LORD at their head.

**6. This hope that we are a chosen generation/royal Priesthood.**

1 Peter 2:9. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**7. This hope that we have been redeemed to God to rule and reign.**

Revelation 5: 9-10...have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation **and have made us kings and priests to our God and we shall reign on the earth.**

## **B. How do we keep this hope as an anchor of our soul.**

### **1. We keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.**

#### **Hebrews 12:12**

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>**looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **2. Let's enter boldly the throne of Grace knowing that mercy and grace awaits us.**

Hebrews 4: 16. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain **mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

### **3. James 4:8. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.**

God is waiting to reveal Himself more and more to us and to reveal his secrets to us. He wants to have encounters with us.

### **4. Let's continually do those things God does not despise.**

Psalms 51: 17. The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart. These, O God, You will not despise.

God is attracted to brokenness, contrition of heart and humility.

### **5. Walk with the Holy Spirit**

#### **John 16: 13- 15**

<sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you

things to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He <sup>[c]</sup>will take of Mine and declare it to you.

## **Conclusion**

### **Hebrews 6: 19b-20**

**It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. <sup>20</sup> Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.**

Jesus has gone before us to become our high priest. He is our intercessor.

**Romans 8:34.** Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

### **Isaiah 40:27-31**

Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel. My way is hidden from the LORD my cause is disregarded by my God" <sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**May your souls be anchored to the eternal hope we have in Christ Jesus.**