

## Jesus is a BETTER PROMISE

Text: Hebrews 6:13 – 6:20

**We have a PROMISE that SUSTAINS our FAITH:** Hebrews 6:18acde

- 1) **GOD wants us to earnestly IMITATE those who HOLD FAST their HOPE and thereby OBTAIN that which they were PROMISED:** Hebrews 6:11-12. See also: Hebrews 4:1, 10:36, 13:7
- 2) **BE like Father ABRAHAM – TRUST God’s PROMISES (even in the STORMS and/or DELAYS of life):** Hebrews 6:15. See also: Genesis 21:5; Romans 4:13, 18; Galatians 3:29;
  - a) **God PROMISED Abraham LAND, a SON, and an UNLIMITED FUTURE (HEIRS and BLESSINGS).** See Gen. 12:1-3; 17:1-8, 15-22
  - b) **Abraham TRUSTED God AND OBEYED Him – even when obedience THREATENED to derail the promise:** Heb. 11:9, 17
  - c) **Abraham OBEYED even though he DIDN’T see ALL the promises made COMPLETE:** Hebrews 11:13. See also: 11:39

**We have PROMISES that are LIKE God’s PROMISE to Abraham:**

Hebrews 6:13-14

- 1) **God TOOK an OATH when He PROMISED specific blessings to ABRAHAM:** Genesis 22:16–18
- 2) **WE take OATHS to CONFIRM our WORD – to make it MORE TRUSTWORTHY:** Hebrews 6:16 See: Ex 22:11; Deut. 5:11 6:13, 10:20
  - a) **EVERY human LIES:** Psalm 116:11b. See: Romans 3:4, John 8:44
  - b) **We can LIE even without INTENTION – for WE are LIMITED in our knowledge, power, durability, resources, freedom and desire:** James 4:13–16
- 3) **God wants US to BELIEVE His PROMISES to US:** Hebrews 6:17-18a-d See also: Galatians 3:29
  - a) **His “PURPOSE” (“thing”/“fact” #1) is “unchangeable”:** Isaiah 46:9–10. See also: Psalm 33:11, Prov. 19:21
    - **God is NOT LIMITED in knowledge, power, durability, resources, freedom and desire:** Psalm 115:3. See also: Psalm 135:6; Isaiah 14:27; Daniel 4:35
    - **His CHARACTER is unchangeable:** Hebrews 13:8
  - b) **His OATHS (“thing”/“fact” #2) are “unchangeable”:** Hebrews 6:13 See also: Ex. 32:13; Is. 45:23
    - **He DOESN’T LIE:** Numbers 23:19. See: 2 Tim. 2:13, Titus 1:2
    - **He is FAITHFUL:** Hebrews 10:23

**We have a PROMISE of a better HOPE:** Hebrews 6:18acde

- 1) **We have an OBJECTIVE, better HOPE in JESUS – our better HIGH PRIEST:** Hebrews 6:20bd; 7:19c–21. See also: Genesis 14:18; Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6, 10; 7:15, 17, 28
- 2) **We have a more CERTAIN hope:** Hebrews 6:19a
  - a) **Anchors [the GOSPEL in this case] keep us from DRIFTING:** Hebrews 2:1
  - b) **God’s unmerited LOVE for you is the most secure ANCHOR for your soul:** Isaiah 54:11b; Isaiah 54:10, 11c, 14, 17
- 3) **We have a SAVING (refuge) Hope:** Hebrews 6:19b-20a
  - a) **The VEIL reminded us that we are SINNERS alienated from a HOLY God:** Exodus 26:31, 33 See also: Isaiah 59:2
  - b) **Without sacrificial, atoning BLOOD we CANNOT draw near to this Holy God:** Heb. 9:7 See also: Lev. 16:2, 15-16; Num. 18:7
  - c) **Jesus has gone BEHIND the VEIL on OUR behalf:** Hebrews 6:20
    - i) **He DIED to OFFER the necessary SACRIFICE:** Heb. 9:11a, 12 See also: Matthew 27:50-51
    - ii) **He was RAISED to INTERCEDE forever on our behalf:** Hebrews 9:24. See also: Hebrews 7:25, Romans 8:34

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### Gospel In Life Group Questions

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?