

The Promise: The Promise of Assurance
Hebrews 6:13-20

INTRODUCTION:

I. The Example of our Assurance...Abraham (vv.13-15)

A. The Promise

1. To bless and multiply Abraham
 - a) **Genesis 12:1-3**
 - b) **Genesis 17:16**
 - c) **Genesis 22:16-18**
2. **Romans 4:13-24**
3. **Galatians 3:15-18**

B. Obtained by Faith

1. With great patience
2. With Isaac's birth (through a substitute sacrifice)
3. To Christ (**John 8:56**, *"Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."*)
4. Imitate Abraham in faithful, patient Christian living knowing God's promise and the pending revelation of Jesus Christ

II. The Reason for our Assurance...God's Promise (vv. 16-18)

A. By Faith

1. In the promise of God
2. As an heir of the Promise

B. God proves His trustworthiness

1. By two unchangeable things
 - a) His promise
 - b) His oath
2. For hope for His people
3. For worship from His people
4. In patience
5. **Hebrews 11:17-18**, *"17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.'"*

C. God provides hope to hold on to

1. Runs in contradiction to accusation & the accuser
2. The oath gives testimony (of truth) to the promise
3. It is God's promise, and it verified, that our assurance is based on

III. The Pursuit of our Assurance...Hope (vv.19-20)

A. Sure & steadfast hope

1. Certainty
2. Unshakable
 - a) This is hope-filled for the people
 - b) Runs against the waves of the seas, often associated with the double-minded, doctrinally wayward

B. The hope is Christ Himself...not faith in Christ

1. Priest
 - a) Intermediary
 - b) Substitute
 - c) **Hebrews 10:19-25**

2. King
3. Your assurance hinges on understanding the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ
 - a) So, Christ is our forerunner, our go-between, our substitute. To be in Christ is to go through the veil to God Himself, and if we hold fast our confession, as the heirs of promise, then we are certain to see Him one day.
 - b) This is how Peter encouraged His churches: **2 Peter 1:1-4,10**