

Hebrews (February 21, 2021)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Hebrews 6:13-20

1. After exhorting believers to be “imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promise” (Hebrews 6:12) why does the author spotlight Abraham (Genesis 12:1-4, 13:16, 17:1-2, 19, 22:1-2, 9-12)?

2. According to Hebrews 6:15 what happened concerning the promise God made to Abraham? What do the following scriptures reveal about God’s promises?

2 Corinthians 1:20

2 Peter 1:3-4

3. Find the two unchangeable things to which the “heirs of the promise” can have confidence found in Hebrews 6:17-18.

4. In light of what we learn about God's promises and unchangeable things, what are the benefits for those who follow the example of Abraham according to Hebrews 6:18-20? If you are an "heir to the promise" how do these unchangeable things impact you right now?

5. Describe the purpose of an anchor? Why is an anchor a fitting illustration for believers regarding our hope?

6. "When the author notes that this hope enters the 'inner sanctuary behind the curtain' (v. 19), he refers to the Most Holy Place, that most sacred of space in the tabernacle, which was identified as the place of God's presence. Under the old covenant only the high priest could go behind the curtain separating the outer part of the Holy Place from the inner, and then only once a year on the Day of Atonement. This barrier keeping the broader people of God from entering into the presence of God, however, has been torn away in the new covenant..."
(NIV Life Application Commentary-Hebrews p. 244 by George H. Guthrie)

According to Hebrews 6:19-20, who is the "hope", what has "hope" done and what does this mean for us?

7. Review Hebrews 6:13-20 and identify all the descriptions concerning God/Jesus character and actions.