

Hebrews 6:10-20

LESSON 13

God's Immutable Promises

1. Hebrews 6:1-9 – Review: On Toward Perfection

- a. Jesus is the author of their faith – made perfect by finishing his work – Heb 5:9
- b. *Perfection* ~*def.* Completeness, fulfillment, whole, mature.
- c. The fruit is the picture of perfection (maturity), prophetically and morally
- d. Their foundational doctrines were laid by Hebrew prophetic scripture
- e. Our foundation, doctrine of Christ, and perfection is acc. to the mystery – 1Cor 3:10

2. Hebrews 6:9-12 – God Won't Forget

- a. This passage is a great summary of the purpose and content of Hebrews
- b. *"better things"* – Hebrews goes from good to better for Israel – Heb 6-11
- c. *"your work... toward his name"* – The name of Jesus as Christ – John 1:12, 20:31
 - i. The work toward his name was done here: Ac 2:21, 2:38, 4:12, 4:18. 5:41
- d. *"diligence...unto the end"* – Their need to continue - Mk 13:13, Ro 2:7, He 3:14, Ja 1:12
- e. *"through faith and patience inherit the promises"* - Their end tied to their fathers'
 - i. The patience and faith of the saints in the tribulation - Rev 11:3:10, 14:12
 - ii. This is where Romans 15:8 goes, where Jesus confirmed the promises

3. Hebrews 6:13-16 – God's Promise to Abraham

- a. Faith and patient continuance is required of them, but God's promise is certain
- b. Was the promise still good? After all, they were being rejected in Jerusalem.
- c. Remember the promise to Abraham (where?) – Gen 22:15-18 (note James 2:21-24)
- d. After he had patiently endured he – Gen 21:2; Heb 11:17-19
- e. Hebrews = assured by God's promise; Romans (Paul) = assured by grace – Rom 4:16

4. Hebrews 6:17-20 – God's Immutable Oath

- a. *"heirs of promise"* – The promises made to Abraham and his seed – Israel
- b. *"willing more abundantly to shew"* – Gen 12:3, 15:5, 17:4-14, 18:14, 22:17, Deu 7:8, Deu 29:12, 30:6, Jer 11:5
- c. 2 Immutable things – 1) God's counsel; 2) God's oath
- d. *"fled for refuge"* – These are a people fleeing (like the cities of refuge in Num 35)
- e. *"strong consolation"*, *"anchor of the soul"*, *"sure and steadfast"* why? Jesus, High priest
- f. Where is their refuge? Hope? Strong tower? God, in the kingdom, when Christ returns as he promised to do – Mt 28:20