

Patience, Hope and an Anchor for the Soul

Sermon 17 in the Hebrews Series

I. Confident of Better Things 6:9

The old was gone – the new had come -- and
They were part of the New Covenant Community.
They were believers.
They had Christ as their great High Priest.

II. God is Not Unjust 6:10

Work has nothing to do with Regeneration or Justification.

There is similar language to this in 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

v. 3

1. Work of faith
2. Labor of love
3. Steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ

v. 9

1. Turned to God from idols
2. To serve the living and true God
3. To wait for His Son from Heaven

III. The Purpose of the Warning Passage 6:11-12

v. 11 -- Diligence (earnestness, eager concern, zeal)

v. 11 – Assurance (full assurance of hope until the end)

v. 12 – Don't be sluggish – (slothful or dull)

Positive command: imitate those who have gone before you, and have already inherited the promises through faith and patience.

IV. The Example of Abraham 6:13-20

A. Five Specific Promises given to Abraham 6:13-15

1. You will be Blessed
2. A Great Nation
3. A Great Name
4. You will be a Blessing
5. An Inheritance of Land

The land promises given to Abraham have been fulfilled.

Joshua 21:43-45

So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which **He had sworn** to give to their fathers, and **they took possession of it and dwelt in it.** ⁴⁴The LORD gave them rest all around, according to all that **He had sworn** to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. ⁴⁵**Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken** to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

B. The Oath that God Swore 6:16-18

Genesis 22:1-2; 15-18

1. God built the faith of Abraham by this oath.
2. The oath proved the promise was sure to come to pass.
3. It was through patient perseverance that Abraham received the blessing – and such will it be for us – as we await that final day. **Heb. 6:15, 18**

V. An Anchor for the Soul 6:19-20

Another reason for the solemn swearing of God to Abraham is for our encouragement. 6:19 -- **Galatians 3:16, 26, 29**

Final Applications: