

“Hope that Strengthens” Part 2
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Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, thank You for the hope we have in Christ Jesus. In the midst of the current noise and chaos, it is easy to succumb to fear, doubt and frustration. Empower our faith in You, Lord, to know that You are ultimately in control, and You will continue to work Your divine work in us until it is complete. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 6:19-20

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Message Notes

Ephesians 2:12

...remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

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2 Peter 3:8-9

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

Study Questions

Read **Hebrews 6:13-20**

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. When someone makes a promise to you, what helps you trust that they’ll keep it?
2. Can you think of a time when you held on to hope even when things felt uncertain?
3. If you had to describe hope in one image or word picture, what would it be and why?

Based on Hebrews 6:13-20, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read **Hebrews 6:13-20**, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?
2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. What promise did God make to Abraham in this passage, and why is it significant?
2. How does God's oath to Abraham demonstrate the certainty of His promises?
3. Why does the writer emphasize that God swore by Himself (v. 13)?
4. What does it mean that Abraham "patiently endured" and obtained the promise (v. 15)?
5. In verses 16–17, how does the author use human oaths to help explain God's actions?
6. What are the "two unchangeable things" mentioned in verse 18, and why are they important?
7. How does this passage describe God's character and faithfulness?
8. How does the assurance of God's promises give believers "strong encouragement" (v. 18)?
9. What does the imagery of "hope as an anchor for the soul" mean to you personally (v. 19)?
10. How does Jesus' role as "forerunner" and "high priest" (v. 20) deepen your understanding of His work for us?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. In what areas of your life do you need to trust more deeply in the unchanging promises of God?
2. How can the hope described in this passage help sustain you during seasons of waiting or uncertainty?