

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 6:13-20

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 6:13-20.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

13 For
when God made the promise to Abraham,
since He could swear by no one greater,
He swore by Himself,
14 saying,
"I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU
AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU."
15 And so,
having patiently waited,
he obtained the promise.
16 For men swear by one greater than themselves,
and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute.
17 In the same way God,
desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of
His purpose,
interposed with an oath,
18 so that
by two unchangeable things
in which it is impossible for God to lie,
we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement
to take hold of the hope set before us.
19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul,
a hope both sure and steadfast
and one which enters within the veil,
20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us,
having become a high priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.

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1. Why do you think that verse 13 starts with the word 'for'? What is the author trying to prove or reinforce for his audience?
2. What is intended by 'swearing by' something? Why does it matter what God would swear by?
3. What promise is being referred to in verse 13? Where do we find this in the book of Genesis?
4. When did Abraham obtain the promise? Does the book of Hebrews provide any clues for when this may have happened?

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5. How does the example of Abraham provide hope for us today?

6. How would you explain or paraphrase the idea expressed in verse 16?

❖ Day 2

Read Hebrews 6:13-20 again.

7. What may be God's 'purpose' in verse 17?

8. Who are the 'heirs of the promise' (verse 17)? What promise is referred to here?

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9. What do you think the 'two unchangeable things' are that are mentioned in verse 18?

10. Why does this passage indicate that God swore an oath?

11. What is 'this hope' mentioned in verse 19?

12. What is the idea behind having 'an anchor of the soul' (verse 19)?

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❖ Day 3

Read Hebrews 6:13-20 again.

13. What is referred to by 'the veil' (verse 19)?

14. What is the significance of entering within the veil (verse 19)?

15. Where else do we see the idea of Jesus as a 'forerunner' in the book of Hebrews?

16. What is the significance of Jesus being a 'high priest' (verse 20) in this passage?

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17. How would this passage be encouragement for wavering Christians?

18. How could you use a passage like this to encourage discouraged Christians?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that you would find confidence to continue in your Christian profession because of the unchangeable character of God and his glorious promises. Pray for perseverance in the middle of difficult times. Ask for opportunities to encourage others with the glorious truth that God is trustworthy, and that he has given us reason to trust Him.