

Hope Beyond Reason

Hebrews 6:13-20

Introduction: While we are suffering, and persevering, and building moral character we have a glorious hope. But what is that hope based on?

I. The promise. (v.13)

A. Christ was the fulfillment of a promise.

- 1. Promise made to Abraham. Luke 1:72 & 73**
- 2. Abraham's seed would endure and be numerous.**

B. God swore an oath to Abraham.

- 1. He swore by Himself (Gen. 22:15-16)**
- 2. No one greater to swear by makes this oath valid.**

II. God's nature (v.17)

A. God's nature is unchanging.

- 1. He is a God of consistency.**
- 2. The Old Testament provides clues as to how God will act in the future.**

B. God's nature all about justice.

- 1. In the Old Testament God's justice was performed by mankind.**
- 2. In the New Testament God's justice is reserved for God and God alone to dispense.**

III. Heirs of that promise.

A. We are the heirs of that promise. Romans 8:17

- 1. We are awaiting the finalization our adoption.**
- 2. We are waiting to receive our inheritance as God's children.**

IV. More reason to hope. (v.18)

A. God cannot lie.

- 1. It is impossible for God to lie.**
- 2. Numbers 23:19**

B. We must flee.

- 1. Flee immorality.**

2. Flee toward the hope of God's glory.

C. This hope is freely offered.

1. He's not waiting for you to ask for it.

2. He offers it so that we might be encouraged.

V. How does this hope help us?

A. It is an anchor. (v.19)

1. Jesus' presence in the boat was an anchor to the disciples during the storm. Luke 8:22-25

2. His presence in our lives can be an anchor during storms.

B. What kinds of storms?

1. Physical - God has not forgotten you.

2. Relational - His power can see you through.

3. Faith - God's hope provides security.

Conclusion: Christ enters God's sanctuary on our behalf and thereby provides the hope we have when we persevere through sufferings, build moral character, and place Christ as the foundation of our lives.