

Our Sure and Steadfast Anchor

Hebrews 6:13-20

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I. We Can Trust God's Promises (verses 13-16)

And He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then He said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6 And he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness. -- Genesis 15:5-6

II. We Can Trust God's Character (verses 17-18)

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. -- Hebrews 11:17-19

III. We Can Trust God's Son (verses 19-20)

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. -- John 14:1-3

Questions for Discussion/Application:

- Consider taking time to read Hebrews 6:13-20 out loud. What initial insights or observations of the text do you have?
- In what ways was Abraham an example to us of faith and trust in God?
- In the years prior to Isaac being born, what examples can you think of, from Genesis, of how Abraham struggled at times with unbelief? In what ways can we and can you at times struggle with unbelief and lack of trust in God?
- How does Abraham's apparent growth in faith over the years encourage you in your own walk with the Lord?
- The text says, "It is impossible for God to lie (verse 18)." How is this reality a "strong encouragement (verse 18) to us? How can this reality strengthen and fortify our own faith in God?

- Commenting on verses 17-19, the ESV Study Bible has this to say:

"The Christian hope is in the person and saving work of Christ (pictured here as the high priest). Anchor was a common ancient metaphor for stability; hope provides security and stability for the soul." - ESV Study Bible

How is "the person and saving work of Christ", for the believer, an anchor to the soul?

- Please consider taking time to pray, asking the Lord that he would help us, in the trials and difficulties we face, to emulate Abraham's example of faith. Pray also that God would help us to put our hope daily in the person and work of Jesus Christ.