

Sermon Title- **This Hope as an Anchor**

Sermon- #12

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Hebrews 6:13-20

¹³ When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” ¹⁵ And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. ¹⁶ People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. ¹⁷ Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Questions:

The book of Hebrews was written to reinforce **the Supremacy & Sufficiency of Christ** over the Law and Old Covenant. In this chapter, the author is reinforcing Jesus as our High Priest, in order of Melchizedek, far exceeds the Old Testament priesthood through Aaron and his descendants.

1. The original readers of this letter would have had this oath from God, in reference to Christ, from Psalm 110:4. Why is this significant?

Psalm 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

(For more on Melchizedek read Genesis 14).

2. There are two unchangeable things about God: His Word & His character. How is that important for us especially in an everchanging culture and world?
3. How does it encourage you to know that God always fulfills His oaths and promises? Where in your life could you use a promise from God right now?
4. Jesus, again, here is seen as our forerunner (the One who goes before us). He not only has made a way into God’s presence for us, He also invites there, and reassures us that we belong. To take this one step further, Jerry Cook, a mentor of mine (who has passed away & is in heaven) called this the ‘radical relocation of God.’ As a believer you have the

Holy Spirit living in your life and nothing can remove Him from there. **How can knowing this, believing this, and not forgetting it be an encouragement to you today?**

Let the certainty of God's promise of His Holy Spirit strengthen you and give you hope today and always.