

Double Assurance 2021-01-17

Hebrews 6:17-20

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Life is full of outright lies and broken promises made to us....small and big.

- When Lord promises, He puts His integrity on the line.
 - If His word worthless, then He's worth nothing.
- God trustworthy/able to keep promise of eternal salvation to all Christians.
 - Wants all heirs of promise assured of their salvation, sanctification and eternal security

Verses 9-12: evidences that accompany assurance, verses 13-20: basis of assurance

- Ground of assurance 2 unchangeables: God's promise and the oath He made to Abram and his physical and spiritual heirs (Christians). Hebrews 6:13-16, Genesis 22:16-18
 - God chose undeserving people to be part of His kingdom (promised land) by salvation thru faith in Him (blessing).
 - Jesus is at the core of 3-fold promise.

Right after declared righteous Abram doubts future God promised. Genesis 15:7-10a, 12, 17, Hebrews 6:17-18

- God did not rebuke Abram for question, but confirmed His promise with covenant or oath.
 - God word sufficient but because men faith weak, God condescends to add oath to His word to give us double assurance.

Lord assures Abram by obligating only Himself to fulfill blood covenant.

- Typically both parties walk between - here only God passed between to signify covenant unilateral and unconditional.
 - No conditions/WORK placed upon Abram for its fulfillment.
 - God Himself responsible to fulfill all covenant promises.

Like Abram, Christian salvation and future reward secure (inheritance in heaven) because God entered covenant with us through Abraham. Galatians 3:26-29, Romans 15:8

- Father fulfilled covenant promises in Jesus Christ.
 - promised future sure; steadfast; finished, purchased sealed with Jesus' blood

Hope in 2 unchangeable things: God's promises and oath as anchors to hold steady our souls in storms of life. James 6:18-19, Ephesians 1:13, 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

- anchor keep from drifting into things destroy you, especially during storms.
 - Our hope is anchored in very presence of God.
 - Holy of holies represented presence of God with His people.

Our anchor in person/work of Jesus Christ our High Priest, not in our performance/efforts.

- Not our weak grasp of Him, but His firm hold on us FOREVER.
 - Indwelling Holy Spirit guarantees this and enables want/power to hold fast.

God wants you assured of His unconditional love and your salvation, sanctification and eternal security

- That hope rests on God's character/unchangeable promises and covenants.

1 John 2:25, Philippians 1:6

- Lord utterly trustworthy/able keep His promise of eternal salvation to Christians.
 - incapable of lying. Never lied in all of eternity.
- Anchor hope in God's promises and covenants and you will find the assurance you've been looking for.