

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for January 25, 2015

An Anchored Hope
Hebrews 6:13-15

Christ's priesthood is superior to all other priesthoods (Hebrews 4:14-10:18).

The author, after having introduced the Son's divine appointment according to the order of Melchizedek, then took a strategic detour in order to warn his readers in Hebrews 5:11-6:20.

The author began this warning section with an exhortation (Hebrews 5:11-6:3).

After the author exhorted his readers, he then presented a harsh warning (Hebrews 6:4-8).

After the author's harsh warning, he then softened it in Hebrews 6:9-12.

After the author had softened his harsh warning, he then closed out his warning section by explaining to his readers why they should be as convinced as he was that they would in fact not fall away but would persevere (Hebrews 6:13-20).

The first reason was the example of Abraham (Hebrews 6:13-15).

This author was able to use the example of Abraham, because the author saw both his readers and Abraham as united by saving faith (Hebrews 6:13-15).

The big deal about seeing these readers and Abraham united by saving faith is that those who are united by saving faith will continue to build their lives on the promises of God in spite of difficulties thus guaranteeing their perseverance.

The promise that God made to Abraham, according to Hebrews 6:14, was that He would surely bless him and multiply him.

God's promise to Abraham that was recorded in Hebrews 6:14 was in essence communicated by God to Abraham on numerous occasions (Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:1-11; 17:1-8; 22:16-18).

But even though there were numerous occasions when God in essence restated His original promise to Abraham, it was His restatement of this promise in Genesis 22:16-18 that this author specifically had on his mind.

Though there was much of God's promise to Abraham that still lay in the distant future, in the eyes of Abraham that distant future was being realized by him through his promised son Isaac.

May God give us the grace, in spite of whatever difficulties we might encounter, to build our lives on the promises of God, so that we in persevering might inherit those promises.

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