

Hebrews Part One

Lesson #25, Chapter 6:13-20

Read all of Chapter 6 before beginning this lesson.

1. The opening phrase in vs. 13, *For when God made the promise to Abraham*, clearly ties itself to a statement previously made. What is the connection between, “when God made the promise to Abraham,” and what came before? See 6:12.
2. Hebrews 6:12 states we are to inherit the promises God had previously made. Just what was promised to us? See Heb. 4:1-3; 9:15; 10:36, 39; 11:11-16.
3. What was the promise God made to Abraham? See Gen. 12:2-3; 22:15-18; Luke 1:73-75; Heb. 6:14.
4. What do you learn about Abraham in vs. 15? See also Romans 4:18-20.
5. What similarities do you see between Abraham and those mentioned in vs. 12?
6. How can their example be an encouragement to you as you wait to inherit the promises of God?
7. When God made the promise to Abraham what did He do according to vs. 13?

8. What example is given to explain why God did that in vs. 16?

9. What is the purpose of an oath according to vs. 16?

10. The author of Hebrews is adding layer upon layer of information that builds to make a point. In vs. 13 we read when God made the promise to Abraham, He gave an oath that He would keep His word. Vs. 15 tells us that God did keep His word and Abraham obtained the promise. In vs. 16, the author illustrates that even men give oaths to show they intend to keep their word. Now verse 17 begins, *In the same way God*, what did God do *in the same way*? See vs. 16, then vs. 13.

11. After the example in vs. 16, the author of Hebrews provides further explanation about God, oaths, and promises. What did God desire to do in vs. 17? How did He do this according to vs. 17?

12. Who did God want to show His unchanging purpose to (vs. 17)? Who are they? See 6:12; Acts 2:38-39; Gal. 3:29.

13. What are the two unchangeable things (verse 18) in which it is impossible for God to lie? See vss. 13-14, and 17.

14. Why is the reminder that it is impossible for God to lie an encouragement to us in respect to His promises?

15. Because God will not break His promises and His purposes do not change, what do we gain according to vs. 18? What are we to seek to do (vs. 18)?

16. What picture does the phrase *fled for refuge* (ESV, NKJV, NIV) create in the minds of the Hebrews? See Num. 35:1-15; Deut. 19:1-10. Just as the Israelites had a city of refuge to flee to in times of trouble, so we too need a place of refuge. What do you learn? See Ps. 34:19; 46:1; 2 Cor. 1:8-10; 1 Tim. 4:10.

17. What do you learn about the hope that is a refuge for us? See vss. 18-19.

18. This hope has a name. What is it? See Hebrews 6:20; 1 Tim. 1:1; Titus 2:13.

19. What does the author mean when he says Jesus enters *within the veil*? See vs. 20 and 5:9-10; 9:1-12.

20. Verse 20 says Jesus entered the Holy Place as a *forerunner* for us. How is Jesus our *forerunner*? See Heb. 10:19-22.

21. And after what seemed like a huge rabbit trail from 5:11-6:18, we return to what topic? See Heb. 6:20 and 5:9-10.

22. We have learned some amazing things in this passage about God, His plan, and the Christian life. Here are some to get you started:

a. *God keeps His promises.*

b. *Abraham is an example to me of patient waiting on God.*

c. *God does not lie; therefore, I can trust Him.*

d.

e.

f.

Hebrews 5:11-6:18 may have seemed like a detour, but it really wasn't. In fact, the writer of Hebrews doesn't do detours. Like a seasoned tour guide, he may stop for a moment to add pertinent details to aid our understanding, yet he knows where he wants to take us and keeps that goal in mind. The author of Hebrews wanted to teach his readers about Jesus as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek, but first he felt it necessary to make a little "stop-along-the-way" in Hebrews 5:11-6:18. All that dialogue had a purpose, intending to show the superiority of Jesus Christ in every way, proving that salvation through Jesus Christ is the only way that will please God.

Tackling this passage and everything we have looked at so far, made me feel like I was trying to dig a well with a spoon. Working on this lesson was hard work, filled with prayers for mercy and wisdom, and yet it was also tremendously exciting. I am all too aware there are more treasures here than I was able to reach. May God, in His grace, grant you the eyes to see the gems that lay below the surface of His Word.