

# Hebrews

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Genesis 12:1-3

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Genesis 22:15-18

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Why does God's sworn promise to Abraham come up in the book of Hebrews?

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Acts 2:37-41

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What promise is Peter talking about?

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God's sworn promised offspring of Abraham that drove the life and theology of the Jews had come, and the people had put Him to death.

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How does a person increase in patience?

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By being placed in situations where patience is needed.

Such a place is the life of a Christian.

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Even for us who can see that Christ is the sworn promised seed of Abraham, we will spend a lifetime having to patiently persevere unimaginable events to finally arrive at the full reality of the promises that are found in Christ.

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Heaven is coming, but for now we must continue to patiently endure and press on, no matter what.

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What will you do when your patience is tested by unexpected trials, tribulations, turmoil, etc.?

You must continue to have faith in God and by doing so you will persevere.

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Hebrews 11:17-18; 39-40

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God makes the covenant, guarantees the covenant, and fulfills the covenant.

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Both the character of God and the plan of God are unchangeable.

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Are the heirs of this promise the Jewish people who are related to Abraham?

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John 8:37-44

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Galatians 3:7-14; 26-29

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It is not by genetics, but by faith in Christ that one is made an heir according to the promised oath that God made to Abraham.

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God's immutable character and Word and the additional sworn oath to fulfill His Word.

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Numbers 23:19

God is not man, that he should lie,  
or a son of man, that he should  
change his mind.

Has he said, and will he not do it?

Or has he spoken, and will he not  
fulfill it?

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Do you have a sure and steadfast anchor  
of the soul?

If Christ is your Savior than you have  
received an oath from God, who does not  
lie, or change His mind.

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In a world where everything is temporary,  
changing and unsure, we need to have ever  
increasing trust in the anchor of our souls;  
the unchanging God who has sworn that all  
blessings will come to those who are in the  
offspring of Abraham: Jesus Christ.

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Our anchor is not in the water; our anchor is  
in the presence of God.

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Our salvation is secure because the one  
who announced the promise has  
fulfilled the promise for us.

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1. Look up and read these three passages: Hebrews 6:19, Numbers 23:19, and Isaiah 46:8-10. What comfort can be found in knowing that God does not change?
2. The fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham is a theme that runs through scripture. For an in-depth teaching of it read the fourth chapter of Romans. Keeping in mind our passage from Hebrews, Galatians 3 and Romans 4, what truths can be gained from a better understanding of the promise given to Abraham for us?
3. Read Hebrews 6:19-20. Practice how you would explain this passage to a child to help them to understand the theological points that the author is making.
4. The politics of our day can lead to much uneasiness about the future. How are we, as Christians, to live in these turbulent times, and yet continue to show that we have an anchor of our soul that is backed by the sworn promise of God? What does this look like in your life right now?
5. Patiently persevering is an underlying theme of the book of Hebrews. Patience, or lack of patience is tested in various ways. For example, the Israelites trust of God as they left Egypt was tested by hunger, thirst, and fear of the unknown. Can you look back in your life and point to times where your patience was tested?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 6:4-10.
  - A. Does it appear that Paul had an easy path to patience?
  - B. Do Christians often make the mistake of hoping to gain patience without being in a place to need patience?