

THE FULL ASSURANCE OF HOPE  
Hebrews 6:11-20

INTRODUCTION:

A. Paul was convinced that his readers could accomplish spiritual maturity.

- 1) vs 9 - "we are persuaded..."
- 2) vs 10 - "ye have ministered and do minister"

B. Paul had a great desire for every one of them

- 1) "And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:"
- 2) "desire" = επιθυμουμεν = "to long for"
- 3) "diligence" = σπουδη = "earnestness"
- 4) "full assurance" = πληροφορια = "perfect certitude", from "to bring in full measure", "complete an act" Here again Paul urges them to maturity.
- 5) "But we long for each of you...to attain to a full conviction that our hope will be fulfilled, and that you should keep that hope until the end..."

I. The Way To Achieve This Goal verse 12

A. "That ye be not slothful..."

- 1) "slothful" = νωθρος = "dull", "lethargic"
- 2) "So that you may not grow careless"

B. "but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises"

- 1) "followers" = μιμητης = "imitator"
- 2) "faith" = πιστις = "firm persuasion"
- 3) "patience" = μακροθυμια = "patient endurance", "longsuffering"
- 4) "inherit" = κληρονομεω = "to be a receiver"

## II. We Can Depend On God To Keep His Word

### A. Abraham and God's Word vs 13

- 1) verse 13
- 2) *Genesis 12:1-7* God's promise to him
- 3) *Genesis 15:5 17:5-8* Two affirmations
- 4) The oath God swore *Genesis 22:15-18*
- 5) verse 14

### B. Abraham obtained the promise vs 15

- 1) vs 15 - *"And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise"*
- 2) μακροθυμew = "patient endurance"
- 3) "obtained" = επιτυγχανw = "to arrive at", "to obtain"
- 4) The initial promise was that Abraham would have a son, an heir, a progenitor of a race of people. Twenty-five years after the promise Abraham received His Son. He obtained it by faith and patience. The fulfilling of his being the father of a nation is not yet fulfilled, and his searching for an eternal city. *Hebrews 11:13*

## III. God's Word And God's Oaths Are Unchangeable

### A. This truth should end all argument vs 16

- 1) *"For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife."*
- 2) βεβαιωσις = "firm establishment"
- 3) αντιλογια = "controversy", "dispute"
- 4) "and with them an oath is accepted as putting a matter beyond all dispute" TENT

### B. God showed Abraham and Sarah this truth vs 17

- 1) *"more abundantly"* = περισσοτερος = "more than above the ordinary measure"
- 2) *"shew"* = επιδεικνυμι = "to show upon", "to exhibit, as a specimen", "to demonstrate"

- 3) "*immutability*" = ἀμεταθετος = "not able to be removed"  
It is a legal term of the age and signifies a ruling or contract which is incapable of being set aside or annulled. "without mutation"
- 4) "*counsel*" = βουλη = "purpose", "plan", "will"
- 5) "*confirmed*" = μεσιτευω = "to be or act as a mediator", "to come between", "interpose"
- 6) "In this way, God wishing to show beyond doubt to those to whom he made his promise, that his purpose was fixed, set an oath between himself and them." He literally set Himself between them as an oath.

C. This truth gives us strengthening encouragement vs 18a

- 1) "*immutable*" = ἀμεταθετος = "without mutation", "not to be altered"
- 2) God gave them two things that could not be changed:
  - a> God's promise
  - b> God's oath
- 3) "*impossible*" = αδυνατος = "deficient in strength" God's love for truth is so intense that He has not the power to lie.
- 4) "*lie*" = ψευδω = "to deceive", "to speak falsely"
- 5) "*strong*" = ισχυρος = "mighty", "physically strong"
- 6) "*consolation*" = παρακλησις = "a calling near", "a consolatory exhortation"
- 7) "Here, then, are two unchangeable things, over which there can be no question of God deceiving us that we might have strong encouragement..."

IV. The Hope We Have

A. It is as the city of refuge vs 18b

- 1) "*Who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us*"

- 2) "*fled*" = καταφευγω = "to flee down" To flee to a city of refuge.
- 3) "*lay hold upon*" = κρατω = "to be strong, powerful", "to rule over", "to attain and maintain power over"
- 4) "*hope*" = ελπις = "expectation of something good in the future" This is not our salvation. It is already accomplished. It is that future good and glory of God's people.

B. It is an anchor vs 19

- 1) "*which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast*"
- 2) "*sure*" = ασφαλης = "safe", "outwardly safe"
- 3) "*stedfast*" = βεβαιος = "firm", "established"
- 4) "*and which entereth into that within the veil*"
- 5) It is anchored in the Holy of Holies

C. The anchor was carried into the Holy of Holies by Jesus Christ our High Priest vs 20

- 1) "*forerunner*" = προδρομος = "one who runs before" The word was used to describe the work of the advance troops who went before the main force to explore territory before going in to it.
- 2) "*entered*" = εισερχομαι = "to go in"
- 3) *Hebrews 9:24*