Hope in Hebrews

What we can learn about hope from Hebrews – Hebrews 6:13-19

• Hebrews 6:13-14

13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear an oath by no one greater, He swore by Himself,
14 saying, "INDEED I WILL GREATLY BLESS YOU AND I WILL GREATLY MULTIPLY YOU."

• Hebrews 6:13-14

- God chose Abraham to fulfill His plan for mankind.
- He searched for the family line through whom His Son would come
- God planned to redeem humanity and wanted a faithful, willing person to build His plans upon.
- Initially God promised Abraham that all the families on earth would be blessed though him (Gen 12:2-3)
- Later God reaffirmed His promise telling Abraham his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. (Gen 15:5)

- Hebrews 6:13-14
 - God promised Abraham again that through him all nations would be blessed and He would multiply his seed (Gen 22:16-18)
 - It is this third promise that Hebrews quotes from
 - How exactly was this promise fulfilled?
 - The Jewish nation descended through Abraham
 - Christ was descended through Abraham

- Hebrews 6:13-14
 - Paul clarifies through the Holy Spirit what exactly was meant by that promise (Galatians 3:16)
 - Daniel tells us God would set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed (Dan 2:44)
 - The forever kingdom was established by and belongs to Christ (Revelation 11:15)
 - SO... God's promise to Abraham was a King with a Forever Kingdom for all nations – the Christian foundation

God Promise is Worth Waiting for

- Hebrews 6:15
 - Abraham waited patiently and obtained the promise
 - Believers wait patiently, just as Abraham did, for the return of Christ - a promise made to all mankind
 - Faithfully waiting
 - Abraham did initially wait failthfully and it was counted to him for righteousness
 - Without Faith
 - Abraham tried to speed up God's plans

God's Promise is Worth Waiting for

- Hebrews 6:15
 - For A Long Time
 - Abraham waited 25 years to see fulfillment of God's promise and he waited 87 years to see his grandchildren
 - Christians must accept that we too may wait our entire earthly lives to see the promise fulfilled
 - While others prosper
 - Abraham endured seeing his brother Nahor have a large family of 12 sons while he just had Isaac.

God's Promise is Guaranteed

- Hebrews 6:16-17
 - God confirmed His promise with an oath
 - Men swear by things greater than themselves
 - God swore upon the oath of:
 - His Word
 - The Gospel
 - The Holy Spirit

We should hold fast to God's Promise

- Hebrews 6:18
 - God's promise is guaranteed
 - Two things confirm it:
 - His oath
 - His nature He cannot lie
 - Christians therefore should hold fast to the hope of His Kingdom

God's Promise should anchor our lives

- Hebrews 6:19-20
- An Anchor serves many purposes:
 - Anchors are helpful when unseen
 - Anchors keep us from drifting
 - Anchors usually go down but ours goes up

Do You Have an Anchor for Your Soul?

- If not, Why not? God's promise is for you too
- If you've lost your anchor, we can help you find it again