

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 6:13-18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The One And Only Promise Keeper” – Part 2

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.
In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the law, being centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

rest, hope, promises, oaths, immutability, blessings, God’s faithfulness

In Hebrews 6:1–12

We saw The Call to Spiritual Maturity.

In verses 1 to 3

We learned that it is a call to spiritual progress.

In verses 4 the 6

We learned that this progress reveals the reality of our salvation
for the true follower of Jesus Christ.

In verses 7 through 10

We learned that this progress results in fruitfulness.

In verses 11 and 12

We learned that this progress in fruitfulness -
demands our diligent effort.

And here in Hebrews 6:13–20

We’re learning about the basis for our spiritual security.

In verses 13 to 15

We’re learning that our security is based upon
the promises of God – alone!

In verses 16 to 18

We’re learning that such promises are based upon God’s oath and His
ability to perform that oath.

In verses 19 to 20

We're learning that this basis, this foundation – the promises of God
Are all found in and upon God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 6:13-18

For when God made a promise to Abraham because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

"The One And Only Promise Keeper"

1.) He is bound to Himself vs. 13-14

1a.) What God says is what He will say vs. 13

Hebrews 6:13

For when God made a promise to Abraham because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

Promise grk: epaggello
to proclaim or to make a pledge with your words. to tie yourself to.

Swear grk: omnuo
to make an oath by {swearing a promise} to another with an oath.

Genesis 15

**"The One And Only Promise Keeper"
Is Bound To Himself**

1b.) What God does is what He will do vs. 14

14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you."

"The One And Only Promise Keeper"

2.) He has set the times for Himself vs. 15-16

2a.) When God goes to work, He works a work vs. 15

Hebrews 6:15

15 And so, after he (Abraham) had patiently endured, {25 years of waiting} he obtained the promise.

A Real Biblical Faith is Alive and Active

**Here's a Powerful Reality Check for Us.
The God of The Bible Abhors All forms of Slothfulness.**

Proverbs 24:30-34 NLT

I walked by the field of a lazy person, the vineyard of one with no common sense. 31 I saw that it was overgrown with nettles. It was covered with weeds, and its walls were broken down. 32 Then, as I looked and thought about it, I learned this lesson: 33 A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest - 34 then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

2 Peter 1:5-8,10

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ... 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-11

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. 7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. 9 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; 10 and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; 11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you.

“The One And Only Promise Keeper”
He Has Set The Times For Himself

2b.) When God finishes a work, the work is finished

vs. 16

Hebrews 6:16

16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them - an end of all dispute.

Oath

grk: epitugchano

to light up or shine a light upon, to make clear a formal declaration or promise, a pledge, (often used by calling on God to be the sacred witness).

Dispute

grk: ntilogia

to stop a contradiction, to end a rebellion (1).

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Psalm 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

“The One And Only Promise Keeper”

3.) He cannot change Himself

vs. 17-18

“The One And Only Promise Keeper”
He Cannot Change Himself

3a.) It's impossible for God to transition

vs. 17

17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, He confirmed it by an oath,

Determining grk: boulomai
desiring (God), intentional (God), willing (God),

to **show** more **abundantly** to the heirs of promise

Abundantly grk: perissos
abounding all the more, excessive,

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.
21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Heirs grk: kleros
the legal and allotted beneficiary, the one to whom the inheritance is promised and thus given.

Immutability grk: ametathetos
the unchangeable nature of the unchangeable or immutable God. (The attribute of the God of the Old and New Testament, the God of Christianity)

Confirmed grk: mesiteuo;
to interpose or to be the mediator, the arbitrator.

1 Timothy 2:5-6 ESV

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Numbers 23:19

“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do?”

Malachi 3:6

“For I am the LORD, I do not change;

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Deuteronomy 7:9

“Therefore, know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Ezra 3:11

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: “For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel.” Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Daniel 9:4

And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

Exodus 19:5

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Deuteronomy 7:6

“For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

Psalms 136:1

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

“The One And Only Promise Keeper” He Cannot Change Himself

3b.) It's impossible for God to waver

vs. 18a

Verse 18a

18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie,
we might have strong consolation,

Strong

grk: ischuros

as in all severe, all powerful, all mighty, all fortitude, all boldness—

Consolation

grk: paraklesis

aid, encouragement, comfort, appeal (1), comfort (13),

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; 22 his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

The Hebrew word (che'sed) for steadfast means a **love that is loyal**. It's not only an **undying loyal love** but it is a **keeping loyal love**. It never fades away or diminishes.

The word incorporates into its meaning the goodness of God the steadfastness of God - the kindness of God - the faithfulness of God.

The God who will always be (T)here

**“The One And Only Promise Keeper”
He Cannot Change Himself**

3c.) It's impossible for God to refuse you

vs. 18b

Verse 18b

who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

Fled grk: atapheugo
to flee, to seek out, to be in a “dead run” - to be a fugitive,
in relentless pursuit after a person or a place or of and for your life.

Refuge heb: manos
The hiding place, the place of escape, the place of protection.
A sheltered place, coming in out of the storm.

Example of Him being our Refuge

Exodus 33:18-23

And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.” 19 Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I

will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” 20 But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.” 21 And the LORD said, “Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”

Verse 18b

who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

who have fled for refuge

The Cities of Refuge from The Book of Numbers 35
is in the mind of the author here.

If a man unintentionally murdered another man by accident or incident, that man could flee to any one of the six appointed cities in Israel to await a fair trial. If the Priests, after hearing the case found him innocent – the man was to remain within the city limits until the Death of the High Priest.

Jesus Christ is Our Refuge!

We run to Christ to escape the danger we are in from the curse and condemnation of the law, from the wrath of God, and from an eternity in hell. Only Christ provides refuge from these things, and it is to Him alone that we must run. Just as the cities were open to all who fled to them for safety, it is Christ who provides safety to all who come to Him for refuge from sin and its punishment.

J.C. Ryle

Bishop of Liverpool England. 1841

Lay Hold grk: krateo
to arrest, to cling to, hold fast, to retain, to have seized upon.

Hope grk: elpis
full and total expectation, to put all your hope into one (God)

John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

Romans 8:28-32

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

But Jack -

Please Pray for Me and My World – I Need Help

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