

## “Hebrews #8”

Hebrews 6:13-20 / 7:1-22

Review: Chapter 5:11-14 / 6:1-12

Last week... We looked at the danger of not maturing of remaining babes in Christ. There is a real danger of not progressing in the kingdom of God.

- *We become dull of hearing... constantly growing in Christ makes us more sensitive to Gods voice!*
- *Danger of falling away and the difficulty of being restored again to repentance!*
- *Developing a hard heart...*

Good news as we saw in 6:10 *“God is not unjust so as to overlook our work and the Love we show for His name in serving the saints.” (and others)*

We finished last week with 6:11-12.

- *We need to live in the full assurance of hope... (1 Jn. 3:1-3)*
- *Not to become lazy, but to be imitators of those who... “Through faith and patients inherit the promises.”*

Tonight, we are going to look at the surety of Gods promises...!

Text 6:13-17 (Read)

This is a reference of Genesis 22:17-18 (NKJV)

*“Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said; **By Myself I have sworn,** because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, **in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,** because you obeyed My voice.”*

- **This story was very familiar to these Jews...**
- **V15 “Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.”**
- **V16-17... (Unchangeable... NKJV translates it Immutability)... Changeless, ageless.**

Text 6:18-20 (Read)

V19-20 (NKJV)

*“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”*

- Why can we hold fast to this hope and the promises of God?
- A hope that can enter into His Presents / Throne, and find help in a time of need...?
- V18 *“It is impossible for God to lie.”*
- Like Abraham... **if we wait patiently, we will obtain the promise!**

Text 7:1-4 (Read) Ref. Genesis 14: 17-20

- OT... there were Kings, Priest, and Prophets.
- They all had separate functions... (2 Chr 26: 16-21) - (Isa. 6:1-5)
- Melchizedek appears and meets Abraham, He's all three!
- V4 *“See How great a man He was...”*

Text 7: 5-10 (Read)

- The inferior is blessed by the superior...
- Tithes... Explain V8-10, **tithes received by men, are received by God...**
- Levi, not yet born paid tithes through his father Abraham, and **who received them?**

Text 7:11-17... (Read)

V14... Jesus was descended from Judah, the Levitical priesthood descended from Aaron.

- Appointed by God with an oath and the power of an indestructible life.
- V16 (NKJV)... *“Who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.”*
- Writer / Preacher is building to a climax!... V's 18-22 (1<sup>st</sup> time listeners)

Text 7:18-22 (Read) In conclusion...

1. Former commandment. (The Law) is set aside or annulled. Because of it's weakness and uselessness or unprofitableness.
  - a. **The law had a purpose, but it could not change a heart or save...**
  - b. V19... For the law made nothing perfect.
2. We have a better hope, we who draw near to God.
3. 20-22 the revelation. *“Jesus our high Priest is the guarantor of a better covenant.”*