



PRESSING ON

TO MATURITY

A Study of the Book of Hebrews

**GOD'S ANCHOR
IN LIFE'S STORMS**
HEBREWS 6:9-20

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Introduction: Someone has said, “Man is able to go 40 days without food, 8 days without water, and 4 minutes without air. But man can only last a few seconds without hope.” Today we will discover that hope is not only a necessary ingredient for life but also for perseverance in our faith.

Spiritual Immaturity + Adversity = Apostasy (Falling Away)

Spiritual Maturity + Hope = Faithfulness

I. **The Imperative of Hope** (Hebrews 6:9-12)

Hebrews 6:9 “But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way.”

Hebrews 6:10 “For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.”

Hebrews 6:11 “And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end.”

Hebrews 6:12 “That you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

Two Words That Define Hope

1. **Faith:** Believing that God will do what He promised to do.
2. **Patience:** Refusing to give up until God fulfills His promise.

II. The Illustration of Hope (Hebrews 6:13-15)

Hebrews 6:13-15 ¹³ “For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ¹⁴ saying, ‘I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU, AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU.’ ¹⁵ And thus, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.”

III. The Ingredients of Hope (Hebrews 6:16-18)

Hebrews 6:16-18 ¹⁶ “For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute. ¹⁷ In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, ¹⁸ in order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the hope set before us.”

A. God's Promise

God's Three Promises to Believers

1. God will not allow anything to happen to you without a **purpose**.
2. God will never **leave** you nor **forsake** you.
3. God will redeem your **soul** when you die.

B. God's Oath

IV. The Incarnation of Hope (Hebrews 6:19-20)

Hebrews 6:19-20 ¹⁹ “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, ²⁰ where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Conclusion