

The Certainty of Our Hope

Hebrews 6:13-20



66 Standing On the Promises
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1. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ my King, Thro' e-ter-nal a-ges
2. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es that can - not fail, When the howling storms of
3. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e-ter-nal-ly
4. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es I can - not fail, Lis-t'ning ev-'ry-mo-mont

let His prais-es ring; Glo-ry in the high-est, I will shout and sing,
doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv-ing word of God I shall pre-vail,
ly by love's strong cord, O - ver-com-ing dai-ly with the Spir-it's sword,
to the Spir-it's call, Rest-ing in my Sav-ior, as my all in all,

CHORUS

Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God. Stand - - ing, stand - - ing,
Standing on the promises, standing on the promises,

Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God my Sav-ior; Stand - - ing,
Stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

stand - - ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.
stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

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The Example of Abraham (13-15)

- ❖ God's promise to Abraham (13-14)
 - ❖ God's promise given and repeated
 - ❖ The birth of Isaac was the first point of fulfilment of the promise
 - ❖ God affirmed His promise with an oath when Abraham proved his willingness to sacrifice Isaac
- ❖ Abraham's example: faith, patience and reward (15)

God's Oath Given to Serve His Purpose (16-18)

- ❖ The finality of an oath (16)
- ❖ God's oath: a great act of assurance to the heirs of His promise, the spiritual descendants of Abraham (17)
- ❖ By His oath, God's promise is fully grounded in His perfect, unchanging character (18a)

“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 it? Or has He spoken and will He not make it good?” Numbers 23:19

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- ❖ God's oath was an act of encouragement for believers to cling to His promise (18b)

The Nature of Our Hope (19-20)

- ❖ Our hope is an anchor of the soul (19a)
- ❖ Our hope is sure and steadfast (19b)
- ❖ Our hope enters through the veil (19c)
- ❖ Jesus, our forerunner, secures our hope as our high priest (20)

Implications/Application

The certainty of our hope:

1. **Changes the way we look at life.** It helps us to not be so drawn to the things of this world. It enables us to live *“as strangers and exiles, seeking a better country, a heavenly one.”* Hebrews 11:13-16
2. **Changes the way we look at death,** both our own and those we know are in Christ. We no longer fear death because Christ has removed its sting. *“We do not grieve as those who have no hope.”* 1 Thessalonians 4:13
3. **Helps us to stay focused on the eternal.** We now where we are headed. *“Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”* Colossians 3:2-3
4. **It gives us stability** when there is uncertainty and turmoil around us. It is an anchor for our souls.