

Precept Upon Precept-Hebrews

Be Encouraged! You Have a High Priest Forever! , Lesson 15

- Be encouraged!
 - Hebrews 6:9: “Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation.”
 - Hebrews 6:10-12: “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”
- 1) You can inherit His promises
 - a. Hebrews 6:9-12: God is not unjust (v.10)
 - b. Hebrews 6:11-12: God is immutable and has a promise for you (v.11)
 - c. God never alters His word, Hebrews 3:6: “but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.”
- 2) Your anchor will hold
 - a. Hebrews 6:13-19: “When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised...Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain.”
 - b. God swears that he will hold us, and will not change
 - i. Matthew 5:17-18: The Word of God is unchangeable
 - ii. Hebrews 6:18: The Oath of God is unchangeable
 - iii. Philippians 1:6: “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”
 - c. You have a refuge, God is your high priest forever
 - i. Genesis 22:12: “He said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”
 - ii. Genesis 22:13-14: “Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, “In the mount of the Lord it will be provided.”
 - iii. Genesis 22:15-18: “Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done

this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

d. The anchor is

- i. Hebrews 6:19: A sure anchor
- ii. Hebrews 6:19: A steadfast anchor
 1. Hebrews 6:20: Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us
 2. Hebrews 10:19: “Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh..”

3) Your priest is forever

a. Hebrews 6:20-7:13: A priest according to the order of Melchizedek

- i. Melchizedek: King of righteousness, abides as a priest perpetually, made like the Son of God
- ii. Genesis 14:17-24: “...And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand...”
- iii. Psalm 110:4: “The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”
- iv. John 8:33,37,40: “They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants”... “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you”...” (Their father is the devil)
- v. John 8:52-58: Jesus claims to be God
- vi. God has sworn that Jesus will be our high priest that abides forever
- vii. Hebrews 7:3-5: “Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually...”
- viii. Hebrews 7:7-11: “...Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood...what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?”
- ix. Hebrews 7:12-17: “For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also... For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests. And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek. who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.”