



The Hope Set Before Us Hebrews 6:13-20

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

I. Three Essential Truths

1) No One **GREATER** than God

A. Within the Trinity there is absolute **UNITY**, yet distinct **ORDER**.

2) So He swore by **HIMSELF**

B. "The name of God **ONLY** is that by which men ought to swear; and therein it is to be used, with all holy fear and reverence; therefore to swear vainly or rashly by that glorious and **DREADFUL** name, or to swear at all by any other thing, is sinful, and to be abhorred..."
-London Baptist Confession of Faith 1689 Chapter 23.2-

C. It was **ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY** for God to take an oath

D. Three Times Reminded

- a. His **PURPOSE/PROMISE** will not change.
- b. He **SWORE** an oath.
- c. God cannot **LIE**.

3) The **HOPE** set before us

E. The hope set before us is **FIXED** by God.

F. The hope **ACCOMPANIED** by the promise