

## The Security of Hope

### Hebrews 6:13-20

*The absolute reliability of God's promise should impress us. "Now, brethren, who among us dare doubt this? Where is the hardy sinner who dares come forward and say, 'I impugn the oath of God'? Oh! But let us blush the deepest scarlet, and scarlet is but white compared with the blush which ought to mantle the cheek of every child of God to think that even God's own children should, in effect, accuse their heavenly Father of perjury. Oh, shame upon us!... as a fore-runner our Lord has for us entered – that is entered to take possession in our name. When Jesus Christ went into heaven he did as it were look around on all the thrones, and all the palms, and all the harps, and all the crowns, and say 'I take possession of all these in the name of my redeemed. I am their representative and claim the heavenly places in their name.'" (Spurgeon). Guzik*

- I. From the time of Adam and Eve up to the present, God has been challenging men and women to put their full trust in him. Man's struggle is putting faith solely in what cannot be seen or touched, yet that is the essence and beauty of what it means for those of us who have put our faith and trust in a God we cannot see but know exists. The world and its godless system cannot prevent us from doing that, and they hate us for it. Unfortunately, there are those who want both worlds, so they live a half-Jesus kind of faith. They consider it a safer place to be, but the tradeoff is a poor witness for Christ, moral compromise, an infantile way of looking at God, a weakened stance for him, and the loss of many blessings. The challenge then, is to make sure that we are going on to maturity so that we are equipped to face the onslaught of the godlessness that has taken deep root in both the church and the culture.

Hebrews 5:13-14; 6:1

Isa. 66:1-3

Isa. 66:5

**teleios** - brought to its end, finished, wanting nothing necessary to completeness  
Perfect, that which is perfect, consummate human integrity and virtue, of men full grown, adult, of full age, mature

**hexis** - a habit whether of body or mind, a power acquired by custom, practice, use

**gymnazō** - to exercise vigorously, in any way, either the body or the mind

**Jerimiah 17:7** "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him."

- II. When we mature in Christ and allow his Word to rain health into the soil of our hearts, we'll find that one of the blessings we receive is a **secure unwavering** hope in the promises of God. One of the benefits of a deeper understanding of righteousness is a deeper understanding of the integrity of his Word, which instills in us a stronger confidence to stand firm in the faith. Simply put, we will find ourselves trusting him more and more to be true to those of us who have fled to take hold of the hope of his promises, which are yes in Christ Jesus.

Heb. 6:7-8

Heb. 6:13-18

Gen. 22:16-17

Gen. 15:5

Gal. 3:29

Gen. 21:5

**2 Cor. 1:20** *"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God."*

- III. The putting into practice and training of ourselves to live righteously through God's Word enables us to see more clearly how secure our hope is in Christ. The anchor for our hope never moves; it is firmly and securely attached to the rock of our salvation, Jesus Christ. Our soul, which is *"the seat of our feelings, desire, affections, aversions (our heart, soul etc.), our moral being which is designed for everlasting life"* needs hope to keep us encouraged in Christ. The alternative is hopelessness and uncertainty, which is a very insecure place to live life.

Heb. 6:19-20

Psalm 25:1-5

**psyche** – *breath, the breath of life, the soul, the seat of the feelings, desires, affections, aversions (our heart, soul etc.), the (human) soul in so far as it is constituted that by the right use of the aids offered it by God it can attain its highest end and secure eternal blessedness, the soul regarded as a moral being designed for everlasting life*