



# THE CHRISTMAS PROMISE

OUR HOPE IN GOD'S UNCHANGING PLANS

HEBREWS 6:13-20

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1. See \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.13-15)

**Hebrews 6:13** For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, **14** saying, "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, **18** so 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. (ESV)

2. Embrace \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.16-18)

3. Trust \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.19-20)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Romans 4:17-21**. What specific practices can strengthen your confidence that God is able to keep every promise he has made about our future as Christians?
2. Read **Micah 5:2-4**. How does this passage help you trust that God's redemptive plan is on schedule—even when fulfillment comes in stages and requires waiting?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 15:24-26**. What comfort and confidence does this passage give you as you live between Christ's first coming and his second, knowing the end is already determined?
4. Read **Acts 1:6-8**. How can hope in Christ's promised second coming give us courage and urgency in proclaiming the gospel to others?
5. Read **Psalms 62:5-8**. What does this psalm reveal about why Christians, more than anyone else, are equipped to endure suffering without being shaken?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 18-17 – **The Unbreakable Promises**  
Msg. 10-21 – **Invariable Love in a Changing World**  
Msg. 09-03 – **The Unfailing Promises of God's Word**  
Msg. 06-27 – **Abraham: A Fascinating Template of Promises & Faith**  
Msg. 17-15 – **Loving God's Faithful Promises**  
Msg. 06-09 – **Our Need for Representation: Understanding the Priesthood**  
Msg. 06-10 – **Our Need for Representation: Turning to the Law Offices of**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>..... Amos 1-3 & Rev. 5  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>..... Amos 4-6 & Rev. 6  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>..... Amos 7-9 & Rev. 7  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>..... Obadiah & Rev. 8  
Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>..... Jon. 1-4 & Rev. 9  
Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>..... Mic. 1-3 & Rev. 10  
Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>..... Mic. 4-5 & Rev. 11  
Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>..... Mic. 6-7 & Rev. 12

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Rose Publishing. **Bible Promises of Hope and Courage [Pamphlet]**. Rose Publishing, Inc., 2006.  
Ware, Bruce. **The Man Jesus Christ: Theological Reflections on the Humanity of Christ**. Crossway, 2013.