

I PROMISE . . .

"(v.13) When God made his **promise** to Abraham, he backed it to the hilt, putting his own reputation on the line. (v.14) He said, 'I **promise** that I'll bless you with everything I have—bless and bless and bless!' (v.15) Abraham stuck it out and got everything that had been **promised** to him. (v.16) When people make **promises**, they guarantee them by appeal to some authority above them so that if there is any question, that they'll make good on the **promise**, the authority will back them up. (v.17) When God wanted to guarantee his **promises**, he gave his word, a rock-solid guarantee—(v.18) God can't break his word! And because his word cannot change, the **promise** is likewise unchangeable.

(v.19) We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the **promised** hope with both hands and never let go. (v.20) It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God where Jesus, running on ahead of us, has taken up his permanent post as high priest for us, in the order of Melchizedek."

Hebrews 6:13-20

The Message

LIFE IS FULL OF PROMISES:

- ❖ Economic
- ❖ Love—Marriage—Family
- ❖ Judicial system
- ❖ Congress
- ❖ The President
- ❖ For Christ—followers, faith centers in the **promises**:

Freedom from anxiety

"I will never fail you nor forsake you"—Hebrews 13:5

Promises of Jesus

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."—Matthew 7:7

"Whoever comes to me I will never drive away."—John 6:37b

"And this is what he **promised** us—eternal life."—I John 2:25

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."—John 3:17

Christ is himself the supreme *promise* of god

"For no matter how many *promises* God has made,
they are "YES" in Christ."—I Corinthians. 1:20

WHAT'S GOING ON? *Doubt.*

PROMISE WITH AN *Oath* ; strengthens the *promise*.

RESULTS = "If I should break my pledged word, I should cease to be God;
my very nature would dissolve."

When things I believe should never happen—*happen* .

When things I believe should happen never *happen* .

When things I believe should happen now *happen* later.

Grab the *promised* hope!

It's an unbreakable spiritual *lifeline!*

HOW? It reminds us that:

1-God has a purpose in *all* of life—the good, bad, and painful.

"And we know that God causes everything to work
together for the good of those who love God and
are called according to his purpose for them."—Romans 8:28

For the *good*—not necessarily what we *like*.

2- God *guarantees* His purpose with an oath.

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't,
and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our
worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away.

Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all
creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed
in Christ Jesus our Lord."—Romans 8:38-39

GOD is our *encouragement*, our *hope*, our *anchor!*