

# Hebrews 6:13-20: As You Howl, God Says, “Trust Me”... Why Should You?

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## I. Introduction

Have you ever been so distraught, so worried that you felt like giving up, like all hope was lost? What if in that moment you could turn to someone who could guarantee 110% that things were going to be OK? And what if you knew 110%—because of who they were—that things were going to be OK? Jesus is that Person and you can always be this sure.

## II. Hebrews 6:13-20: Do You Know That You’re Anchored to Something that **CANNOT** be Moved?

Though his audience has reverted to spiritual babyhood and they’re in danger of passing the point of no return and wind up dead instead of inheriting God’s promises as happened with the Exodus Generation, the author is confident that this won’t happen to them. He’s confident that they will continue to do the things that should accompany their salvation. So he urges them to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises so that they will be fully assured of their hope until the end. He then gives them an incredible example of someone who did just that.

**6:13-18**, the author points to Abraham and the incredible faith and patience he had in God’s promise, though it took 25 years to be fulfilled. Abraham was 75 years old and had a barren wife when God first promised him that he would have descendants without number (Genesis 12:2-7; 13:14-16). The third time God repeated the promise, He made a covenant with Abraham and in essence took an oath to fulfill what He promised and if He failed to keep His word, then may He be cut in two (Genesis 15:4-5, 9-18). Abraham was 99 years old and Sarah 89 years old and barren when God promised Abraham that he would have a son named Isaac which would lead to Abraham being the father of many nations (Genesis 17:1-8, 16-17, 21). A year later (and 25 years after God made the original promise) when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah 90 years old, Isaac was born (Genesis 21:5). Finally, when Isaac was a teenager or perhaps even older, God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham trusted God completely and knew 110% that everything was going to be OK; he knew that he and Isaac would both return from worshipping God (Genesis 22:5). As Abraham is about to take Isaac’s life, God stopped him and swore to Abraham that He would bless him and multiply him as the stars in the heavens and the sand on the seashore and that in his seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 22:15-18).

When people made covenants/contracts with each other, and they wanted certainty that the parties would fulfill what they pledged, they swore by some higher authority. This gave them assurance that what the individual pledged would be fulfilled. Even today when witnesses testify in a trial, they often place their hand on a holy book and swear to their God to tell the truth and nothing but the truth so help them God. But what do you do when you’re God? Who do you swear by? There is no one, except Yourself. And that’s exactly what God did, which is an astounding comment on God’s love for us and the peace of mind He wants us to have when He says, “Trust Me.” God wanted us to know for ABSOLUTE certainty that what He promised would come true. And when He swore, when He gave His word He gave us two things that are immutable as guarantees: His promise and His oath, both of which are ironclad because it’s impossible for God to lie!

Why did He give us the strongest guarantee known to man? So that we who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us would have the ultimate assurance in that hope.

**6:19-20**, what is that hope? The author says several things about this hope. (1) it is your soul's anchor: think about what this will mean for you every time you're in agony, every time you get bad news or another tragedy strikes your life. (2) it is sure and steadfast: it is absolutely certain, definite, secure, and immovable. (3) it has entered into the very presence of God behind the veil that hides the Holy of Holies in heaven: this hope resides in the very center of God. (4) it is our Forerunner, Jesus Christ, who entered God's presence: this Hope is a Person and His name is Jesus Christ, but He's a Hope that guarantees our entrance into God's presence anytime we need it. All this means that when our life is in turmoil, our soul is anchored to something that is impossible to move or shake. It means that our troubles, our weaknesses, our insecurities cannot shatter us. They cannot defeat us. Nothing in this life can make us drift away into misery, hopelessness, and desperation.

**How do you trust God?** You have to give Him your trust without conditions because you know that your life is tied to His, your security is anchored in heaven itself and to the God of the universe. Whatever happens or will happen in this life, none of it surprises Him and in fact, He's already made provisions for it. All you have to do is trust Him because His promise is among other things "sure and steadfast."

### III. Conclusion

*Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*