

## **Spiritual Security** **Hebrews 6:9-20**

Often refer to spiritual immaturity, failings, and weaknesses highlighted in latter part of **Hebrews 5** and beginning of **6**.

Yet writer was convinced of better things for his reader - **Hebrews 6:9**

What gave him such confidence in their salvation?

Can we have the same for ourselves?

### **God Doesn't Forget Work & Labor Of Love (9-10)**

God is a just God, one who does not forget...

Very much aware of service in past (*"in having ministered"*)

Service that has been shown toward Him (*"toward His name"*)

Service that has been shown toward His servants (*"to the saints"*)

Very much aware of our service in the present (*"in still ministering"*)

Knowing this can be a source of great comfort - **Hebrews 8:12**

Work and Love not forgotten!

Need not fear God won't see or remember efforts to please Him

Stumble, but repent, labor of love is remembered, and sins forgotten!

God does not forget our work and love in ministering, thus a need for

### **Diligence, Faith, & Patience On Our Part (11-12)**

Author desires readers' show same diligence (earnestness) as in past

Diligent regarding their assurance of hope, until the end - **Hebrews 3:6,14**

That they do not become sluggish

The word *"sluggish"* is from a Greek word meaning "dull"

The same word as used in *"dull of hearing"* **Hebrews 5:11**

Already dull of hearing; desire is not become dull in conduct!

They have faith and patience such as Abraham's example - **Hebrews 6:15**

These qualities necessary for spiritual security - **2Peter 1:10-11; Revelation 2:10; Romans 2:7; Hebrews 10:36**

Without diligence, faith, patience, sluggish, & in danger of apostasy.

### **God Keeps His Promises (13-20)**

God made a promise to Abraham **Hebrews 6:13-15**

In which He swore by Himself (because none greater)

Promise Abraham obtained after patient endurance **Hebrews 6:15**

God confirmed His promise with an oath **Hebrews 6:16-18a**

For men, an oath confirms what they say, ending all dispute

To assure of unchangeableness of promise, God also swore oath

This provided a double assurance He would keep His promise:

One, impossible for God to lie - **Titus 1:2**

Two, because of the oath by which He confirmed it

How does this relate to our spiritual security?

God's faithfulness is our assurance!

It gives us *"strong encouragement"* **Hebrews 6:18b-19b**

We who need *"an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast"*

Especially true regarding *"hope"*, which is Jesus! **Hebrews 6:19b-20**

Jesus is *"anchor of the soul ... both sure and steadfast"* - **1Timothy 1:1**

As forerunner, He has entered *"within the veil"* (heaven)

Become *"high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."*

Even as God swore He would do - **Psalms 110:4**

God not only promised, but swore oath, just as for Abraham

So He has kept promise, providing us a superior High Priest!  
On example of God's faithfulness, we have assurance of salvation as long as we continue to lay  
hold of "*hope*" (Jesus) set before us  
Jesus is "high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

**Our spiritual security**

The character of God, who remembers  
Our continued work and love in service to Him  
God keeps His promises  
Priesthood of Jesus in heaven is proof  
Trust in the Lord and be saved - **Matthew 11:28-30**

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