



## Open it

1. What gives you a sense of security?

## Daily Devotions

### Day 1

#### Today's Theme: Explore It

Read Hebrews 6:13–20

2. What promise did God make to Abraham?
3. Who did God swear by?
4. What did God guarantee His promise with?
5. What is impossible for God to do?
6. What two words describe the anchor of the soul?
7. Where has Jesus gone as a forerunner on our behalf?

## Day 2

### Today's Theme: Promises

#### Read Hebrews 6:13–15

God made a promise to Abraham! What was that promise? When Abraham was 75 years old, God promised him a son<sup>1</sup>. Twenty-five years later, when Abraham was 100, God made good on His promise and gave him Isaac<sup>2</sup>. When Isaac grew up to be a teenager, God asked Abraham to do the unthinkable and sacrifice his only son, Isaac<sup>3</sup>. Abraham's faith was tested, and he trusted God and was willing to go all in and sacrifice Isaac, but at the last second, the Lord stopped him from taking Isaac's life and provided a ram to sacrifice instead. God then affirmed His promise to Abraham in Genesis 22:16–18: <sup>16</sup>...“By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” Abraham patiently waited 25 years for the birth of Isaac, and he was able to see the beginning of God keeping His promise of blessing Abraham through his offspring! God has kept His promise to Abraham, because ever since then, God has people placing their trust in Him, and today, everyone who is a believer in Jesus is part of Abraham's offspring!

**8. What is something that you have patiently waited for? Why is patience so important for us as followers of Jesus?**

**9. Look up these verses. What are God's promises to you in these verses? Which promise do you need to cling to today? How come?**

Isaiah 41:10

Isaiah 26:3

Matthew 11:28-29

John 3:16

James 1:5

I John 1:9

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 12:7; 13:14–16; 15:4, 5; 17:16

<sup>2</sup> Genesis 21:1–3

<sup>3</sup> Genesis 22

### Day 3

#### Today's Theme: Oaths

#### Read Hebrews 6:16–18

Did you ever “pinky swear” when you were a kid? Or have you ever been to a courtroom (or at least seen this on TV) and seen someone place their hand on a Bible and say these words: “I promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God”? Why do you think that they make people take this oath before they give testimony in court? Why do kids “pinky swear”? Sadly, because people don’t always tell the truth! God, however, does not lie! He always tells the truth because the very character of God is truth! God’s promises are enough to have enough credibility to stand on their own. God goes the extra step and guarantees His promise with an oath! And since there is no higher authority than Himself, He swears on Himself! What exactly is the promise and oath that God guarantees? Although the author of Hebrews doesn’t quote this verse, He expects His readers to know and understand the promise God, the Father, made to Jesus, the Son, in Psalm 110:4, “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: ‘You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.’” God made a promise and oath for our benefit as verse 17 says that “God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose.” God did this to encourage us and give us confidence that He is trustworthy and that indeed Jesus is our High Priest forever in the order of Melchizedek, ministering to us and on our behalf. Remember, in the Old Testament, the High Priest would be the one who intercedes between God and sinful man by entering the Holy of Holies once a year to make atonement for his sins and the sins of the people. Jesus is our forever High Priest who didn’t have to atone for His own sins because He Himself is without sin. He was the perfect sinless sacrifice on our behalf, by dying on the cross for our sins and rising from the dead, so that we can now have eternal life and open access to the throne of grace.<sup>4</sup>

**10. Why do so many teens today have trust issues? On a scale of 1–10, how trusting are you of others? Why did you give that number?**

**11. Verse 18 tells us to hold fast the hope set before us! This is a sure, certain hope! In what situations do you need this hope? Do you need hope from God for something in your life right now?**

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<sup>4</sup> Hebrews 4:16

## Day 4

### Today's Theme: What is Your Soul Anchored To?

#### Read Hebrews 6:19–20

When I was younger, I loved to go fishing. My family owned a canoe, and we would go out on the lake to fish. When we found a good spot, we would throw down an anchor so that we wouldn't drift. I remember one time throwing out the anchor in the middle of the lake, and as we fished, I noticed that our canoe started drifting. Something was wrong. We pulled up the rope that the anchor was attached to, and the anchor was still there, but what we realized was that our rope was too short for the anchor to grab a hold of the bottom of the lake. The anchor refers to the hope generated by faith in the gospel which enables the believer to stand firm in the face of temptations, calamities and storms. We need to anchor our lives on the Word of God and the person of Jesus Christ! We will never drift when our soul is anchored to Jesus because He walks with us in the deepest depths of our lives (Psalm 23:4). These verses also talk about Jesus being our "forerunner." A forerunner is one who goes ahead to prepare the way. In the first century, this describes a stormy situation where a larger boat would have a smaller boat, "the forerunner," carry the anchor into a harbor through the breakers and drop it there to secure the larger ship. Or for a Roman army, this forerunner would blaze the trail ahead of the main body of troops making sure the passageway was safe for the rest of the army to follow. Martin Vincent adds, "The Levitical high priest did not enter the sanctuary as a forerunner, but only as the people's representative. He entered a place into which none might follow him, in the people's stead, and not as their pioneer. The peculiarity of the new (COVENANT) economy is that Christ as High Priest goes nowhere where His people cannot follow Him. He introduces man into full fellowship with God."<sup>5</sup>

**12. What are some storms in life that are the most challenging for you to face? What practical steps can you take to make sure your soul is anchored to Jesus during these storms?**

**13. How has Jesus shown Himself to be the forerunner in your life?**

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<sup>5</sup> [https://www.preceptaustin.org/hebrews\\_619-20](https://www.preceptaustin.org/hebrews_619-20)

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