



JESUS

Up **C**lose and **P**ersonal

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Even though we speak in this way, beloved, we are confident of better things in your case, things that belong to salvation. **10** For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. **11** And we want each one of you to show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope to the very end, **12** so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. **13** When God made a promise to Abraham, because he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, **14** saying, "I will surely bless you and multiply you." **15** And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. **16** Human beings, of course, swear by someone greater than themselves, and an oath given as confirmation puts an end to all dispute. **17** In the same way, when God desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath, **18** so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. **19** We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, **20** where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reflection Questions

1. Verse nine speaks of “things that belong to salvation.” We produce different things as a result of our salvation. Our lives look different. What are some of the better things in your life as a result of your salvation?
2. Verse 15 speaks of Abraham waiting patiently for what God has promised him. The Bible is full of examples of God’s promises being fulfilled much later. What are some examples you can point to, and why do you think God chooses so often to wait to fulfill promises?
3. The author encourages them to imitate those who had faith and patience. Who are some people in your life that you want to imitate as you try to follow Jesus more?
4. What does it look like to have a sure hope in Jesus Christ? How does Jesus as your anchor give you hope and assurance?
5. Jesus entered the Holy of Holies on our behalf as our High Priest. He is the only High Priest that we need. His priesthood is eternal. Explore what the word eternal means to you.