# Hebrews: a Bible Study

Lesson Eight

Liberty Towers Church
Men's Bible Study
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# The message of God, as found in the Bible is two things: REVELATION AND RECONCILIATION

Our Path

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2. Better vehicle of God's message 1:4-2:18

3. Better leadership toward God's message 3:1-3:7

4. Better internal understanding of God's message 3:8-4:13

5. Better provider of God's message 4:14-5:10

6. Better understanding of God's message 5:11-6:12

7. Better promise of God's message 6:12-6:20

8. Better intermediator of God's message 6:20-7:28

9. Better contract of God's message 8:1-9:28

10. Better provision of God's message 10:1-18

11. Better method of God's message 11:1-40

12. Better encouragement of God's Message 12:1-13:22

Prophets

Moses

Angels

Rest

Priests

Teaching

Promise

Melchizedek

Covenant

Sacrifice

Faith

Admonitions

### Our focus for tonight Hebrews 6:13-20

- The message is still the same
- The message still fills two needs of man
  - Who is God and what does He expect of me? (REVELATION)
  - A path to God and how to become what he expects of me. (RECONCILIATION)
- Tonight it is a message about expectation and hope.

EXPECTATION IS NOT THE SAME THING AS HOPE

## Exercise in your worksheet

- Last page of the study guide. Read each sentence and decide for your self the most appropriate word choice.
- From your responses what would you think is the difference between Hope and Expectation.

Christian hope is not a passion for the possible but more a passion for the promise

- Pentecost thousands of converts to the new Messianic promise
- A sect of Judaism with apocalyptical eschatology
- Peter took a back seat to James brother of Jesus
- Most Christians were ethnic Jews
  - Jesus as Lord and the resurrected Messiah (Christ)
  - Jesus was returning soon to set up God's Kingdom
  - · Very evangelical always encouraging Jews to join
  - It was OK to accept gentiles if they conformed to the Noachide Laws
  - Daily at the temple

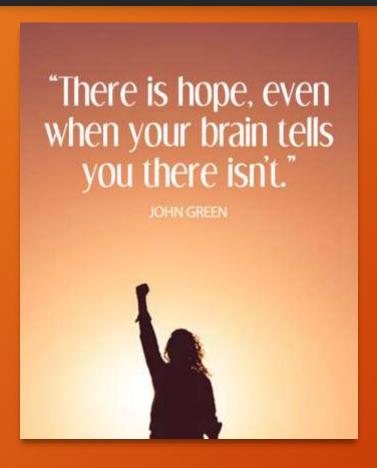
# Jewish Christians at the time of this writing

- Jewish Wars 66 AD. Against Rome's oppression.
  - Slaughter of 6,000 Jews
  - Grass roots reprisals by the Zealots
  - Roman government leaves Jerusalem
  - Roman legions return and are ambushed 6,000 Romans killed
- The Empire strikes back 67 AD Vespasian and Titus
  - The brutal conquest of nation city by city
  - Alliance between the Sadducees and the Zealots
- Two paths in face of Roman oppression
  - Side with the Zealots (wiped out in after the siege of Jerusalem)
  - Flee to the area East of the Jordan (Pella) Late spring of 68 AD
  - Titus lay siege to Jerusalem for 7 months

#### Abraham Promise and Oath 6:13-17

- Illustration not the message
- Promise to make the family of Abraham countless and would bless the world.
- The promise was backed up by an oath by His own name
- Facing the impossibility, Abraham waited
- Abraham received what was promised
- Why bring this up?
  - God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, and he confirmed it with an oath.
  - God did this so that, by two unchangeable things (promise and oath) God can not lie.

# Hope and expectations

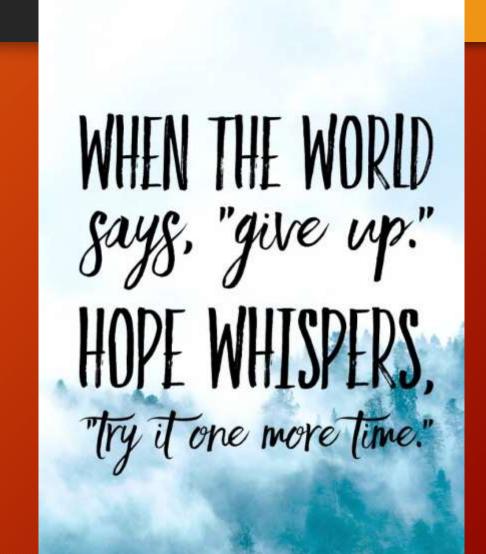


- Hope is the oxygen of our souls
- Expectations are defined by the result
  - Result is more important than the process
  - Results are defined by rules, norms, wants, personality
- Godly Hope lets God define the result
  - The result is up to God
  - "I am content in whatever state I am" Paul
  - Hope is never a disappointment
- Without a Godly Hope all we have is expectations and disappointment.

#### Hebrews 6:19-20

So that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, (A promise of God and an oath of God) we who have taken refuge (These two things) would have strong encouragement (for us) to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul,

a <u>hope</u> both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for <u>us</u>,



#### Picture here

- Jesus the anchor of our souls
- Enters the veil
- On our behalf
- Behind the curtain

Idea # 7



#### Application

- EVERYONE HAS A STORY
- EVERY STORY IS IMPORTANT
- MY STORY IS NOT MINE
- MY STORY IS ALL ABOUT THE NEXT CHAPTER
- THE PERFECT WRITER IS MY HOPE

