Heb 6:13-20 - 13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply you." 15 And thus, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise. 16 For men swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute. 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, 18 in order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, 20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Intro: What an encouraging text we have before us today! If one has ever wondered about the sureness of God's ___________ and the security of their salvation they need look no further than our present text for here we are told of the absolute certainty of God's promises and the unshakable ___________ nature of the salvation He grants us through Jesus Christ.

A. In desiring the better things of salvation for the reader, and knowing that the better things of salvation (such as the full assurance of our hope in Christ) are realized more and more as we ___________ in the true knowledge of Jesus, so did the Author press the people to press on to maturity by ___________ those who went before them and were ___________ unto God until the end.

B. As we open to our text of Hebrews 6:13-20, we find in verses 13-16 an ___________ of Old (which we will study today) and in verses 17-20 we find the New Covenant ___________ of that illustration (which we plan to study next Lord's Day, should the Lord prove willing).

C. Here the Author continues to encourage the believing Hebrews in their ___________, making it clear that they won't be counted among those who are impossible to renew unto repentance, and he does this by bolstering their ________, assuring them ___ the ____ of the promise.

I. ____________ is one who of faith and patience is worthy of our diligent ____________.

A. _____ made a _____________ to Abraham.

B. God ____________ His promise to Abraham by making an ________.

1. In stooping to the tradition of men and with there being nothing greater than ______ for Him to swear by, He swore ___ ____________ (upon His own name).

2. God swore by Himself ___ _________ that that which He promised would come about.

   a. This means that God's covenant promise to Abraham did _____ depend upon ______, ______ upon _______ alone.
C. God made a promise to Abraham and so as to assure the fulfillment of His promise, ______ putting it at risk by making His covenant promise ______ the man ______ the man, so did God swear by Himself thus absolutely and unequivocally guaranteeing the perfect fulfillment of His promise and that, to the nth degree.

II. ______ is left for man to do? What about Abraham should we ________?

A. Abraham ________ patiently. We should ________ ________ blessed God-believing response to God who promises us His eternal blessings!

1. By the will of God through Abraham the nation of ________ had become a ________ and blessed nation and through his multiplied lineage the Savior Jesus had come; and with the gospel going out to all the world so were ______ the nations of the earth ________ through him with his children (the children of faith), becoming more numerous than can be counted!

B. Of ________ Abraham waited patiently. He ________ God at His Word! We should press on in Jesus Christ by imitating Abraham's faith, even unto the end.

1. To be precise it wasn't that Abraham ________ in the promises as much as he believed in the God of the promises, for _____ swore by Himself and only God is capable of doing that which no man can do.

   a. Let us be careful to trust in the God of the promises for He swore by Himself and is the ________ and under________ of His own promises!

C. And so the Author reasoned: "If the oath of men confirms a matter putting the issue to rest how much more, ________ more, does the oath of God as ________ of Himself put an end to all dispute?" Beloved! The promises of God are sure, they are "yes and amen" for as they are confirmed by _______ Himself so He ________ bring it about.

Closing: As Abraham ________ and waited patiently, trusting in the God who swore to His promise by His own name, so must we imitate him doing the same, believing and waiting patiently, ________ in God that He through Christ Jesus promised to save us unto the end. Ours is to believe what _______ said, and since He said it so does that settle it.

A. Beloved, if we intend to inherit the promises of God then we must press on by diligently imitating Abraham who through ________ and patience inherits the promises. Indeed, we must hold fast to Jesus for He, being the Christ of God, is the ________ of our soul! Let us press on ________ for He is the Christ, the very fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham! Those who are of faith are sons of Abraham and so then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer."

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