

Eternal Hope

Messengers of Hope – Part 5 (Hebrews 6:12-20)
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Hebrews 11:36-37 (NIV) Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated--

Hebrews 11:38-39 (NIV) the world was not worthy of them. ... These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.

1 Corinthians 15:19 (NIV) If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

1. God has given you a _____

Hebrews 6:13 (NIV) When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself,

1A. God desires to _____ you

Hebrews 6:14 (NIV) saying, "I will surely bless you ...

1B. God wants you to have spiritual _____

Hebrews 6:14 (NIV) saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants."

2. You must _____ the promise

2A. Don't be _____

Hebrews 6:12 (NIV) We do not want you to become lazy,

2B. _____ God's faith heroes

Hebrews 6:12 (NIV) We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

3. Take hold of eternal _____

Hebrews 6:17 (NIV) Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.

3A. _____ from discouragement

Hebrews 6:18 (NIV) God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.

3B. Fix your eyes on _____

Hebrews 6:19-20 (NIV) We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.