

IMMUTABLE- CHANGELESSNESS- RELIABLE- CONSTANCY- COMMITMENT UNDEVIATING- NON
VACILLATING- UNSHAKABLE- TRUSTWORTHY- LOYAL- UNALTERABLE - FAITHFUL - CONTINUAL -
SELF-CONSISTENT - PERMANENCY - IMMOVABLE - FIRM - STABLENESS - DURABLE -FIXED

"The Bench-Mark for God is His Immutability"

(Immutability - God will not and cannot change)
Hebrews 6:9-20

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday and today, [yes] and forever.

James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

I. God's LOYALTY has not forgotten about us (Heb. 6:9-12).

- A. **Heb 6:9** But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you...
 - 1. They were in danger of falling away because of depressing discouragement.
 - 2. Encouragement is oxygen to the soul
- B. **Heb 6:10** For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown... toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.
 - 1. He has not forgotten what we have done for Him and others, He sees our service.
 - 2. God's character is at stake in relationship to memory.
 - 3. A forgetter opens himself up to accusations such as intentional or careless forgetting.
 - 4. An honest God is obligated to keep His promise and the reward faithful service.
- C. **Heb 6:11** And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end,
 - 1. We inherit (not earn) God's promises.
 - 2. Have Abraham's kind of faith and patience. (Rev. 2:10)
- D. **Heb 6:12** that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
 - 1. For the sluggish or the "dull" we have warning. (Rev. 3:16)
 - 2. For the imitator (*mimetai* - *Gk*) we have. (1 Cor. 11:1; 4:16; 1 Thess. 1:16; 2:14; Eph. 5:1)

II. God's Promises Are RELIABLE, Unchanging (Heb. 6:13-18).

- A. **Heb. 6:13a** For when God made the promise to Abraham...
 - 1. The content of the promise: Gen.12:1-3; 15:5; 17:5-8; 22:15-18
- B. **Heb. 6:13b** ...since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,
 - 1. The promise sealed with an oath. Gen. 22:16-17
 - 2. **Num. 23:19** "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? IMMUTABLE!
- C. **Heb. 6:15** And thus, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.
 - 1. Abraham lived about 100 years, from his departure from Haran to his death. He saw fulfillment.
- D. **Heb. 6:16** For men swear by one greater *than themselves*, and with them an oath *given* as confirmation is an end of every dispute.
 - 1. In the promise, the assertion of an intent is made. In the oath the person's character is solemnly put on the line.
 - 2. In a promise, we look at words; in an oath, we look who and what the promiser is.

- E. **Heb. 6:17** In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed (guaranteed) with an oath,
 - 1. God's "Bench-mark is His IMMUTABILITY."
 - 2. The PROMISE and the OATH make the word double sure.
- F. **Heb. 6:18** 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.
 - 1. The impossibility for God to lie and His promise sealed with His oath have caused us to take flight to our refuge in Christ. The promise (1 John 2:25). The hope (1 Tim.6:12)

III. Jesus' UNDEVIATING- COMMITMENT will lead us into God's glory (Heb. 6:19-20).

- A. **Heb 6:19a** This hope we have as an anchor of the soul...
 - 1. In the ancient world "anchor" was a figure for hope.
 - 2. Saints are anchored to that presence "...behind the veil." (**Heb.10:20** through the veil, that is, His flesh)
 - 3. Hope, our anchor, will see us into the very presence of God.
 - 4. Hope is the opposite of discouragement.
- B. The rougher the weather--more important the anchor
 - 1. We are anchored in heaven, not in the ground.
 - 2. We are anchored to move on, not to stand still.
- C. **Heb 6:20** where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.