

# *Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.*



# “THE ANCHOR OF YOUR SOUL”

## PART II

Heb. 6:13-20

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- 15 And so, 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 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take 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.

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- 14 saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU."
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- 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness (Immutability) of His purpose (Wisdom, Omniscience), interposed with an oath (Veracity, Faithfulness),
- 18 so that by two unchangeable (Immutability) things in which it is impossible for God to lie (Veracity, Faithfulness), we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.
- 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast (Faithfulness) and one which enters within the veil (Holiness, Righteousness, Justice),
- 20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest (Goodness) forever (Eternality, Faithfulness) according to the order of Melchizedek.

## Attributes of God

**ASEITY** - He is self-existent. He does not need us or the rest of creation for anything. While everything other than God depends on God for everything, God depends on no one for existence. (Is. 40:18,25; Ex. 3:14,15)

**IMMUTABILITY** - He is not subject to change in His person. He never changes in his being (who he is) or His promises He has made. (James 1:17; Heb. 13:8; Mal. 3:6)

**INFINITY** - He is free from all limitations other than self-limitation. He is not subject to any of the limitations of humanity or his creation.

**\*Perfect** - in Being (complete, finished, lacking in nothing; no defect). (Matt. 5:48; Ps. 18:30)

**\*Eternal** - in time. God exists forever, meaning he has no beginning or end (Psalm 90:2; 1 Tim. 1:17). He has always existed in the same way: fully and completely as God.

**\*Omnipresent** - everywhere in space. This is not to say that God's form is spread out so that parts of Him exist in every location. God is spirit; He has no physical form. He is present everywhere in that everything is immediately in His presence. At the same time He is present everywhere in the universe. No one can hide from Him and nothing escapes His notice. ( Job 11:7-10)

**MENTALITY** - He is the ultimate in intellect.

**\*Omniscient** - all knowing. God knows all things - 1 John 3:20; Psa.147:5; Heb.4:13;1 Chron. 28:9. This includes the past, the present, and the future. (Is. 46:9,10) It includes actuality, and contingencies. That is, he knows what will happen, and he knows what "could" possibly happen. There was never a time when God did not know anything or everything. The greatest and deepest and most fascinating thing that God knows is Himself, for He is infinitely deep in character and substance and beauty and wisdom.

**\*Wisdom** - all-wise. He works everything out for the display and enjoyment of his glory and for the good of his people. He never fails, never lacks any foresight, and never estimates. He knows all, and plans all, and he loves to display the glory and beauty of his wisdom by accomplishing things in unexpected and seemingly impossible ways. (Rom, 11:33, 1 Cor. 1:30)

**\*Veracity** - all-truth. He is reality (truth) Jn. 14:6. God has always been absolute truth and will remain the only source of absolute truth in the universe. In God, every form of perfect truth and every form of perfect knowledge dwells in an absolute form. There never was or will be a time when God is capable of not being perfectly truthful. He cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18) or mislead any of His creatures.

**\*Faithful** - all-trustworthy. God will always do what He has promised to do (Is. 25:1; Ps. 100:5; Ps. 36:5).

**SPIRITUALITY** - He is spirit. (Jn. 4:24)

**\*Life** - He is the source of all personal energy for His own Being and for others. (Ps. 36:9; Jn. 5:26)

**\*Personality** - He is the source of personal spontaneity of the will (make decisions without external influence).  
He is self-conscious and self-determining. (Is. 46:11)

**MORALITY** - He is the ultimate in purity.

**\*Goodness** - He is the source of all that is good in the universe.

Love

Mercy

Grace

Patience

Kindness

Joy

Peace

Gentleness

**\*Holiness** - His character is free from all impurity. He is eternally separate and distinct from all impurity (Is. 6:3).

**\*Righteousness** - His conduct is free from all impurity. (Ezra 9:15)

**\*Justice** - His judgment is free from all impurity and able to determine reward or punishment based on His holiness and righteousness contained in the Law. (Acts 17:31)



**SOVEREIGNTY** - He is the highest ruler in the universe and is the source, the means, and the goal (Rom. 11:36) of all events, actions, decisions, and all else that affects man in his existence. Nothing happens without His direction or permission. God works not just some things but all things according to the counsel of His own will (Eph. 1:11). His purposes are all-inclusive and never thwarted (Isa. 46:11; Ps. 33:11); nothing takes Him by surprise. The sovereignty of God is not merely that God has the power and right to govern all things, but that He does so, always, and without exception.

**\*Will** - He prosecutes His plan designed from eternity past (Dan. 4:35; Matt. 13:35, Eph. 1:4, 1 Pet. 1:20, Rev. 17:8), throughout all of time and eternity future.

**\*Omnipotent** - He is all-powerful. He can exercise dominion over the entire universe, carry out the purposes of his wisdom, govern the hearts of men, and create things out of nothing. (Ps. 62:11, Ps. 135:6, Rev. 1:8, 4:8)