



Press on to Perfection

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:1** Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to perfection ...
4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame ... 9 But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. 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.



Full Assurance of Hope

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:1** Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to perfection ...
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, ¹² that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- *We can have full assurance of our salvation, it lies in continually and diligently striving to live genuinely and increasingly Christ like lives characterized by faith and perseverance.*



God is Faithful to His Promises

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:13** 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.
- ^{NAS} **Genesis 22:15** Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶ and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸"And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."



God is Loyal to His People

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:16** 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,
- ^{NAS} **Genesis 22:16** and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son,
- ^{NAS} **Psalms 89:35** "Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David.
- ^{NIV} **2 Corinthians 1:20** For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.



God is True

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:18** in order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie ...
- ^{NAS} **Numbers 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?"
- ^{NAS} **1 Samuel 15:29** "And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."
- ^{NAS} **Titus 1:2** in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,
- ^{NIV} **Romans 3:4** ... Let God be true, and every man a liar.



God is Our Refuge

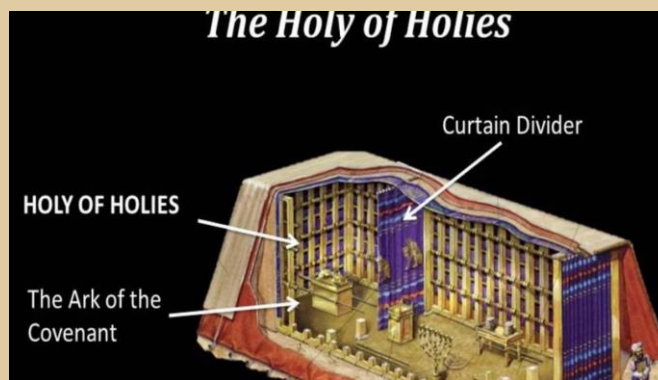
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:18** ... we who have fled to for refuge ...
- ^{NAS} **Psalm 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.
- ^{NAS} **Psalm 62:7** On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God.

➤ as one fleeing to one of the six cities of refuge. Kadesh, that is, *holy*, implies the holiness of Jesus, our Refuge. Shechem, that is, *shoulder*, the government is upon his shoulder (Isaiah 9:6). Hebron, that is, *fellowship*, believers are called into the fellowship of Christ. Bezer, that is, *a fortress*, Christ is so to all who trust in Him. Ramoth, that is, *high*, for Him hath God exalted with His right hand (Acts 5:31). Golan, that is, *joy*, for in Him all the saints are justified and shall glory.

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God is Our Hope

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:18** ... we may have strong encouragement 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.





The Veil

- ^{NAS} **Exodus 26:31** "And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman ...
³³ "And you shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil; and the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.
- Functions:
 1. Distinction between most holy and less holy
 2. Barrier to keep blood of sin offerings from mercy seat (Lev. 4)
 3. Barrier to physical and visual access to God's most holy presence



Entering the Physical Veil

- ^{NAS} **Leviticus 16:2** And the LORD said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat...¹¹ "Then Aaron shall offer the bull of the sin offering which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his household, and he shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself. ¹² "And he shall take a firepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of finely ground sweet incense, and bring it inside the veil. ¹³ "And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the ark of the testimony, lest he die.



Entering the True Veil

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:19** 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.
- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 66:1** Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? ² "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.



Out with the Old, In with the New

- ^{NAS} **Matthew 27:50** And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"



The Lord's Eternal Presence

- ^{NAS} **John 14:2** "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."
- ^{NAS} **1 Kings 8:57** "May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us,
- ^{NIV} **Matthew 28:20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- ^{NAS} **Acts 7:55** But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; ⁵⁶ and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."



Conclusion



Our Hope is Secure

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:19** 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.
- ^{NAS} **1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,



So Seize our Hope

- ^{NAS} **Romans 4:21** ... being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform.
- ^{NAS} **1 Thessalonians 1:5** for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction ...
- ^{NAS} **Philippians 1:6** For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
- ^{NAS} **1 Timothy 6:11** ... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called ...
- ^{Lit.} **Philippians 2:13** for God is the working one in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.