

## Encouraged by God's faithful promises

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- I. GOD WAS FAITHFUL TO FULFIL HIS PROMISE TO GIVE ABRAHAM DESCENDANTS (HEBREWS 6:13-15).
  - A. God promised, based on His own character, to give Abraham descendants (13-14).
  - B. Abraham trusted God after a long and difficult delay that he would be the father of many descendants (15).
    - Waiting for God to fulfill His promises tests our faith to teach us to trust Him more and trust Him patiently.
- II. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO HIS PROMISES IS WHY WE CAN BE ENCOURAGED (HEBREWS 6:16-20).
  - A. God's promise to Abraham showed His faithfulness to Jews and Gentiles (16-17; Genesis 12:2-3; Galatians 3:7-8, 14).
  - B. God will never lie, so every believer in Christ can be encouraged as we learn to trust His promises (18-20).
    1. *A refuge* – We can be encouraged because God is a dependable refuge for our fears (18).
      - Our real refuge of hope is God Himself (Romans 15:13).
      - God wants us to live encouraged with joy and peace as we learn to trust Him (Philippians 4:6-9).
    2. *An anchor* – All encouragement comes from our complete confidence that Jesus fully paid for our sin (19-20).
      - Knowing Christ promised to erase all our sins is key to trusting Him with every other discouragement.