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THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S PROMISES

Hebrews 6:9-20

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

DAY 1: HEBREWS 6:9-10—ENCOURAGE

1. Examine, phrase by phrase, the meaning of verse 9.
   a. *"Though we speak in this way"*— How had the author spoken?

   b. "*We feel sure"*— Why do you think the author is confident?

   c. *"Things that belong to salvation"*— What would some of these be?

2. Read Matthew 25:40 and 1 Thessalonians 1:3 along with Hebrews 6:10. What things motivate Christians to do good works?

DAY 2: HEBREWS 6:11-12—IMPLORE

3. a. Read Colossians 1:10-12. Comment on points from this passage that complement the message of Hebrews 6:10-12.

   b. Is there an action you can take to avoid "laziness" concerning this? If so, what is it?

4. Why are *"faith and patience"* required to *"inherit the promises"*?

DAY 3: HEBREWS 6:13-15—EXPLAIN

5. These verses contain a new train of thought. What in the preceding verses leads to the author's new discussion?

6. a. From what you know about Abraham's life, in what areas did he need patience?

   b. What is the longest that you have had to wait for God to fulfill an earnest request of yours?

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DAY 4: HEBREWS 6:16-18—EMPHASIZE

7. From these three verses, record God's reasons for giving an oath along with His promise.

8. a. This message is addressed to *"we who have fled for refuge."* What do you think this means?

   b. What contemporary occasions might require a person to flee in order to *"hold fast to ... hope"*?

   c. How does the Christian's concept of *hope* differ from the world's?

DAY 5: HEBREWS 6:19-20—ENCOURAGE

9. What does it mean to you to be *"sure and steadfast"* in hope?

10. a. Explain the importance of an anchor to a boat.

    b. How has Jesus been your anchor in the storms of life?

DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

APPLY what you have learned. Encouraging words fill these few verses. The author teaches that the Father initiates our safety, and the Lord Jesus guards it for us. We haven't earned God's kindness and care, yet God chooses to encourage us. We can be channels of the love He has showered on us by encouraging the people with whom we live and work and worship. Encouragement is often most needed when it is least deserved. Can you think of someone you know or love who needs encouraging words from you right now? How can you build them up?