

Through Faith AND Patience INHERIT the promise

Hebrews 6:4 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.

Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not **slothful**, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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Slothful **νωθρός** - lazy, *sluggish*, that is, (literally) **lazy**, or (figuratively) **stupid**: - dull, slothful.

Genesis 13:14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.

Lot

לוֹט – *Lōt*, "veil" or "covering";

Abraham's nephew (flesh, family, etc) was in the way of God's promise. Abraham had to separate from him (v 14) in order for God to show him further of the plan that God had for his life.

Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And *having* an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

Genesis 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 **And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.**

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, **according to that which was spoken**, So shall thy seed be.

19 And being not weak in faith, **he considered not his own body now dead**, when he was about an hundred years old, **neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:**

20 He **staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, **He was able also to perform.**

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

Abraham did not stagger not means HE WAS NOT SLOTHFUL! He was fully persuaded, that what God had promised, He was ABLE TO PERFORM! He was not considering his circumstances, but he was persuaded at God's ability and God's Word. He was not confident in himself, but in His GOD. He was not able to perform, but God is, and Abraham was willing to give glory to God for His Wonderful Acts.

Are we willing to find God's Will and stop expecting these on our terms? Bitterness will do nothing but hinder us, and our flesh is an ally to the enemy of our soul. Our humanity wars against the Spirit of God.

Galatians 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman **was born after the flesh;** but **he of the freewoman was by promise.**

Genesis 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, **O that Ishmael might live before thee!**

That doesn't sound like what Paul in Romans said about Abraham? This action does not show that he was strong in faith (He laughed at the thought of being able to conceive a child at 100 years old), but God visited Him. God gave Him a Word. The initial response to the Word was that it was impossible (to Abraham's flesh) and he laughed about it. But God gives us time to digest His Word (Shewbread)

Shewbread Levitical Law:

Leviticus 24:7 And thou shalt put **pure frankincense** upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an **offering made by fire unto the LORD.**

The bitter taste of the frankincense (natural man receives not the things of the spirit of God, they are foolishness unto him), but when the Priest was able to swallow it down, it sustained him to do the will of God. God will allow His Fire to BURN in our soul, and the seed of the WORD of God germinates. This is why prayer, fasting, and meditation to allow the seed of the WORD to grow in our inward man so we can comprehend the will of God.

The ANCHOR to the Soul

Hebrews 6:13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife.

17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath: 18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 **Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;**

20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.