



WALKING ON WATER
BIBLE CHURCH

TEACHING THROUGH THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

**THE FAITH,
THE ASSURANCE,
AND THE CERTAINTY
OF GOD'S PROMISE**

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Hebrews 6:9-15

- 9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.
- 10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
- 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,

Hebrews 6:9-15

- 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. God's Infallible Purpose in Christ
- 13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,
- 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you."
- 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Introduction

- From warning to encouragement
- God reassures true believers
- Focus: Faith, diligence, and promise



Key Truth

- The writer transitions from strong warning (vv. 4–8) to pastoral encouragement
- “Beloved” = tone of affection, not condemnation
- “Better things” = evidence of true salvation, not mere external experience
- **Key Insight:**
- Experiences of spiritual things don’t save. But those who are saved will produce evidence that accompanies salvation

GOD DOES NOT FORGET YOUR LABOR

- “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love...” (verse 10)
- God’s justice **guarantees** He remembers your service
- Their evidence:
 - Ministering to the saints
 - Continuing in service (not past only)
 - **This is NOT salvation by works:**
 - It is evidence of grace already working

Supporting Scriptures:

- **Philippians 1:6** - He finishes what He starts
- **Matthew 25:31–40** - Works reveal true faith
- **1 John 1:9** - God is faithful and just
- God's justice ensures:
 -  Grace used → More grace given
 -  Faith demonstrated → Faith preserved
- Your service matters—even when unnoticed by people
- Consistency in ministry is evidence of genuine faith

III. THE CALL TO DILIGENCE AND FULL ASSURANCE (v. 11)

“We desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end...”

- **Explanation:**
- “Diligence” = intentional, consistent effort
- “Full assurance” = complete confidence in salvation
- “Until the end” = perseverance is required
- They showed diligence in love
- Now they must show diligence in faith and hope

III. THE CALL TO DILIGENCE AND FULL ASSURANCE (v. 11)

You can be: Active in ministry

Yet lacking full assurance

God wants BOTH:

- Active service
- Confident hope

Application:

Don't just serve—grow in assurance

Assurance comes through continued faithfulness

Key Truth

- God remembers your service
- Grace at work produces works
- Your labor is never wasted

A WARNING AGAINST SPIRITUAL LAZINESS

“that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

“Sluggish” (νωθροί) = spiritually dull, lazy, stagnant

Opposite: faith + patience

Two Requirements:

- Faith – trusting God’s promise
- Patience – waiting for fulfillment

Key Truth

- Promises are not inherited by: Emotion, Excitement, Temporary zeal
- **But by:** Faith and Endurance
- Spiritual growth requires persistence
- Don't become dull in hearing or doing

Avoid spiritual laziness

- Faith + Patience = Inheritance
- Follow godly examples

ABRAHAM: THE MODEL OF FAITH AND PATIENCE

“For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself...”

Explanation:

No one greater than God → He swears by Himself

This shows:

Absolute certainty - Unbreakable promise

God's promises are backed by:

His character and His authority

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THE PROMISE DECLARED (v. 14)

“Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you”

Explanation:

Refers to Genesis 22:16–17

Promise includes:

Physical descendants

Spiritual fulfillment in Christ

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 Explanation:

Abraham did not receive the promise immediately

He: Waited – Trusted – Endured

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Important Theological Insight:

Abraham did not fully see fulfillment in his lifetime, yet he still “obtained” it through:

Faith

Participation in God’s unfolding plan

Supporting:

Hebrews 11:13 – saw promises afar off

Romans 4:13 – heir of the world

Conclusion

- **POWERFUL LIFE APPLICATION**
- Keep Serving Even When Unseen
- Don't Confuse Activity with Assurance
- Refuse Spiritual Laziness
- **Stay sharp in: Word – Prayer - Obedience**
- Learn to Wait on God
- Faith is proven in the waiting.
- Trust God's Promises Fully