

Outline - Sunday, December 15, 2013

Sermon Title: I Promise You

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 6:11-20

1. (Our) desire for every one of you: vs 11a/Acts 2:39 (To be diligent)

Manifest the diligence—vs 10

Meaning: endeavor, labor, earnest attention, anti-carelessness, lazy, presumptuous, inquire fully (seek out/to know)

1 Pet 1:10/Heb 11:6

zeeto = ask (wise/men)—Mt 6:33; 7:7/Luke 2:48

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer 29:13

2. There is an assurance that comes from diligence: 11b

The full assurance of hope (Rom 8:24-25) vs 18; 11:6

Hoped for! (HOPE) = to anticipate something with pleasure and satisfaction, with the delight and gratification of possessing it.

What is it? 1 Tim 1:1/Titus 1:1-2; 2:13

The full assurance of hope, faith, love, understanding: it is the incremental unfolding of His graces (treasures, resources, blessings) in the life of the believer wherein God demonstrates *His presence* and *provision* for you, as *you follow* Him *by faith*. 1 Cor 13: 13

Proposition: sow diligence/reap the assurance (hope). The token, the tangible commodity, credible evidence (Heb 11:6) of things. What?

3. There is a Pattern of diligence: vs 12

Not a novel, homemade, jerry-rigged diligence. Not a carnal self-authenticated, independent enterprise.

A **PATTERN**—Mimic/Imitate/Duplicate

- a. Followers of (them). Who?
- b. The diligence of the faithful anticipated.
- c. The *legacy* and *inheritance* left behind.—Heb 11; 12; 13:7; 17

Illustration: Abraham and Isaac/Rebekah. (Wells/Wealth)

Gen 24:22-53; 26:12, 18

4. God swears by Himself to those who will persevere: vs 13-14

He does two things!

- a. He promises
- b. He swears

Why? Infirmity/weakness/sinfulness/adversity/opposition:

From being on God's side. In blessing (absolute) I will bless you...

5. Flee again to Christ for Refuge: vs 18-19

Having fled for salvation—Mt 3:7
Flee for preservation—Ps 91; Ex 21:13; Num 35:32
Christ our redemption/justification/righteousness

Application: We have an high priest-vs 20

A temple, a covenant, a destiny. We are the people of God.

Persevere!