

# Hebrews Lesson 28

## Chapter 6

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**9-10** God turns his attention to the believing (saved) Hebrews beginning in verse 9.

- God will not forget your work and labor of love. There will be rewards for service.
- Our work and labor demonstrate our love for the saints.
  - Love motivates labor. If you love someone, it will show in what you do for them.
  - God showed that He loves us by sending His Son to die for us (John 3:16).
- Rewards are for true works and labor of love toward the saints.
  - Rewards are not given for self-improvement, bible knowledge, memory verses, etc.

### Rewards for serving:

**Philippians 4:16-19** The Macedonians gave to Paul's needs so he could preach. In so doing, they were building their account with God, who will supply all their need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**Malachi 3:16-17** The Lord will reward those who think of Him and speak of Him to others.

**11-12** The Christian is instructed to be diligent, not slothful. We have salvation. We have eternity. But the Lord also gives us an opportunity to "**inherit the promises.**" There are rewards and blessings available in addition to heaven. Full assurance is given to the diligent.

**Vs 13** When God made promise to Abraham...he sware by himself.

- **Swear:** to give an oath to validate or support the integrity of your words.
  - An oath makes our words more trustworthy.
  - A man should not invoke the name of God carelessly or pointlessly. If you say, "*I swear to God,*" you should fear the consequences of lying under that oath.
  - Example: **Jeremiah 38:16**, "**Zedekiah the king sware...saying, "As the Lord liveth..."**
- **Swear:** to compel someone to tell the truth.
  - Courts utilize this method. "*I swear to tell the whole truth...so help me God.*"
- **Swear:** to enter into a contract with another person. Both parties swear by God.
- **Considerations for swearing:**
  - The object that you swear by must be highly regarded. "I swear by \_\_\_\_\_."
    - **Jeremiah 5:7**, the Israelites had begun swearing by false gods and their oaths were worthless.
  - There must be a regard for the manner. If you lie or deceive after giving an oath, it is worthless.
  - There must be a regard to the end.
    - That God may be glorified.
    - That our duty may be done.
    - That a controversy may be settled.
    - That a brother may be satisfied.
    - That someone's innocence may be cleared.

**"For when God made promise to Abraham...he SWARE by himself."**

- God's word alone is sure and trustworthy.
- There is nothing higher than God, so God swore by himself.

- He didn't need to make an oath, but He did it to help Abraham believe His promises.

**Vs 14** What did God promise Abraham? **“Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.”**

- That means it is impossible for the enemies of Israel to eliminate them from the Earth.

**Vs 15** **“And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.”**

**Vs 16** **“For men verily (truly) swear by the greater...”** Men swear by one greater than themselves to settle matters.

God didn't lie to Abraham. God has also never lied to us. We can count on His promises.