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Persevere:

Warning #3: Don't Forsake Your Confession (Part #5)

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 6:13-20 (ESV)

Three necessary helps:

- 1. We must with confidence draw near, 4:14-5:10.
- 2. We must with soberness pursue maturity, 5:11-6:8.
- 3. We must with persevering faith rest assured, 6:9-10:19.

What do we learn about persevering faith?

- A. Persevering faith is given, v.9.
- B. Persevering faith is proven, v.10.
- C. Persevering faith is pursued, vv.11-12.
- D. Persevering faith is <u>secured</u>, 6:3-10:18.

By what?

1. Persevering faith is secured by God's person, vv.6:13-20.

*By a God who condescends to us.

- *By a God who cannot <u>lie</u>, v.18.
- *By a God who enters in, vv.19-20.