**SERMON SHEET 1/28/24**

**Study of Hebrews #27**

**“Patient Abraham Obtained the Promise”**

**Text: Hebrews 6:13-15**

I. Introduction & review

1. Chapter 1
2. Chapter 2
3. Chapter 3
4. Chapter 4
5. Chapter 5
6. Chapter 6

II. God made a promise to Abraham

1. Genesis 12:1-3
2. Genesis 15:1-18
3. Genesis 22:1-5
4. Genesis 22:15-18

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Simon Kistemaker:

*The writer stresses the corporate responsibility of the Christian community in warning the individual believer not to turn away from God but to continue to be strong in the faith. The author applies the words of Psalm 95:7–10 directly to his hearers; for him the message is a matter of eternal life or eternal death. In a sense, Hebrews 3:12 may be called one of the nerve centers of the epistle.*

2. John MacArthur:

* *In light of the Jewish persecution that these borderline believers would almost certainly face if they became Christians, they are pointed to Abraham. The father of the Jews is also the father of the faithful. He is the perfect illustration of a man of faith who, in the midst of adversity, uncertainty, and seeming impossibility, went all the way with God, totally trusting Him for everything.*
* *Ordinarily, when such a covenant was made both parties would walk between the pieces, to symbolize their mutual obligations to fulfill the conditions agreed on. But Abraham had no part in determining the conditions of this covenant or in the ceremony that sealed it. The fact that only God walked between the pieces signified that the total responsibility for fulfilling the covenant was His.*

3. Kent Hughes:

* *[Abraham] believed that he would become a father, and that his offspring would have children, and that his line would go on and on like the visible stars. The aged patriarch rested everything on God’s word. As a result, he was declared righteous apart from works, fourteen years before circumcision (Genesis 17) and hundreds of years before the Law!*
* *This is an implicit call to the church for a faith that is so firm it enables steadfastness through the uneven seas of life. Abraham’s faith saw the unseen. He saw a living God who was sovereign in all of life—he saw his sacrificed son resurrected and living on—he saw himself fathering a sea of humanity—he saw blessing for the whole earth. And because he saw this, he was gloriously long-suffering through many years.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **Ps. 12:8**
* **Is. 51:1-2; Gal. 3:29**
* **Heb. 11:17-19**
* **1 Cor. 15:50-58**