

Trusting in God

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God's promise is sure because His word is sure based on His sure character.

I. Abraham found his confidence in Jehovah and His word (Heb. 6:13a-15).

God gave Abraham a promise: to make of him a great nation, to make his name great, and through him all the nations of the world would be blessed (Gen. 12:2-3).

Abraham *patiently waited*. He endured through trying circumstances. He faced opposition, struggles, and trials. He finally obtained His promise. In that time of waiting, of testing, of 25 years in patient expectancy Abraham trusted God. In the end the promise of a son was fulfilled.

Despite the fact that Sarah was old and past child-bearing age, she gave birth to a son. Abraham was asked then to kill that son as a burnt offering to God on Mt. Moriah. Abraham's obedience stands as testimony to his faith and trust in God. His faith led him to action. He trusted in Jehovah and believed Him when he could not see the conclusion of His promises. His faith, though, was not blind, but his sight remained on the truth that God could raise his son from the dead so that God's word would remain true and His word would be guaranteed. **Abraham trusted in the Person of God.**

Abraham trusted in the God who never fails. Abraham found his security in the God who cannot lie. Abraham rested by faith in the God who cannot go against His promises. Therefore, we can trust the same God "because He has no capacity for deception or failure in His nature. 'The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear, or be dismayed'" (Deut. 31:8)¹. **Abraham trusted in the promises of God!**

II. Abraham's confidence in God and His enduring word was based on His perfect character (Heb. 6:13b).

God's character is that of truth. He is perfect in all things. God is the basis and foundation for truth because everything about Him is truth. He cannot lie. He cannot be dishonest. He cannot be deceptive.

Truth: Because God cannot lie, His character is always honest. When He swears by Himself, He will always swear what is true and honest. When He promises something, He will not only keep it, He is bound by His character to keep it. God simply cannot lie (Titus 1:2). Bound to His integrity, every one of His promises will be kept by the power of God. When God swears by His own word, it is like a double shot of veracity driving home the absolute surety of God's word.

The writer is relating Abraham's patience and endurance to their own plight. Since God does not go back on His word, is completely reliable, and His promises are and will be fulfilled, they could patiently wait for Him to do His work.

III. Our confidence in God is found in His pledge to the believers (Heb. 6:16-17)

Thus God has demonstrated both to Abraham and to us, the heirs of His promise, that He speaks, His character will back up His pledge and promises.

¹ MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1983). [Hebrews](#) (p. 163). Moody Press.