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Hebrews 6:9-20

March 24, 2024

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- B. He exhorted them to apply the same diligence to their patient perseverance in the faith.
- C. Why did they need this encouragement?
1. Delayed fulfillment of God's promises was making some of them sluggish (lazy listeners).
 2. This can happen to all believers, including us, when the fulfillment of God's many promises seems far off.

II. Example of Patient Perseverance (vs. 13-15)

- A. Abraham patiently persevered despite waiting a *long* to time to fully receive God's promise of a son to bless the nations (Gen. 12-22)
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III. Grounds for Patient Perseverance (vs. 16-20)

Galatians 3:7-9 - ⁷ Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. ⁸ The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the nations will be blessed in you." ⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

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