

## Genesis 22:16

and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son

## Genesis 22:17

I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore.

Genesis 22:17cont.

And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies

# Genesis 22:18

and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-8; 17:15-16; 21:5; 21:22

For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself

#### Hebrews 6:14-15

saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." 15And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.

For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation.

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,

so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie,

# Hebrews 6:18(cont.)

we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain

where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.