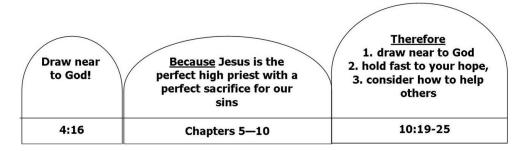
# The Letter To The Hebrews Hold Fast To God's Promises Hebrews 10:23

#### **Introduction**



### What does it mean to hold fast the confession of our hope? (23)

To hold fast to something means to grip it with all your might.

What is this confession of our hop? Note that it has to do with "hope," and that it has to do with the God who has "promised."

So holding fast to the confession of our hope means holding fast to God's promises.

#### What has God promised?

God has promised forgiveness of sins (Heb 9:14) God has promised help for every need (Heb 4:16) God has promised future reward (Heb 11:6)

## How can you tell if you are holding on to God's promises?

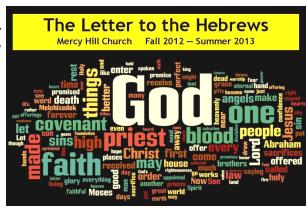
You are holding to God's promise of forgiveness if you have confessed all known sin, and are assured of complete forgiveness, and if as soon as you sin, you bring it to God in genuine confession.

You are holding to God's promise of help for every need if your first step to meet a need is to draw near to God, and if you don't worry about the future (because God will provide every need).

You are holding to God's promise of future reward if what you look forward to the most is seeing God, and if this promise motivates your fight against sin, your love for others, your bold witness.

# How can we strengthen our hold on God's promises? (23)

By considering God's faithfulness.



#### **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What do you cling to more — God's commands or God's promises? Why is this the case? And is this helpful or not so helpful?

Do you agree that many Christians don't cling enough to God's promises? Why don't they? (And why don't we?)

Do you agree that clinging to the confession of our hope means clinging to God's promises? Why or why not?

Which of the three main promises do you cling the most? Which do you cling to the least? Why is that?

What is it that makes you question God's faithfulness? What is it that makes you sure of God's faithfulness?

What is God saying to you through this passage?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

