

Reflections on *hope* from Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

**Directions:** Answer the following questions based on the verse and your understanding of Hebrews:

1. What is the definition of hope?
2. What exactly is the hope that is being professed in this verse?
3. In John 14:3, we read about one hope we have been promised as Christ followers. Open your Bible to this verse and record what we can be hoping for and therefore profess to those around us.
4. As Christ-followers, what else can we hope for? What else has Christ promised His children? Can you find Bible verses to support these promises? Record the references below.
5. When you think of HOPE, what will it mean to you? Record your definition of hope in the haiku on a separate piece of paper. Remember a haiku is a Japanese poem made up of seventeen syllables, in three lines. The first line has 5 syllables, second line has 7 syllables, and the last line has 5 syllables. Here is an example:

Winter fights to stay.  
Sweet Spring always wins her way.  
Flowers bloomed today!  
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Reflections on being *faithful* from Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Directions: Answer the following questions based on the verse:

1. What is the definition of faithful?
2. Who is being faithful in this verse? Why?
3. In what ways is God faithful to His children? Look up the Bible verses and record how God is faithful to us.
  - a. Deuteronomy 7:9
  - b. Lamentations 3:22-23
  - c. Psalm 91:4-6
  - d. 1 Corinthians 10:13
  - e. 1 John 1:9
  - f. 2 Thessalonians 3:3
  - g. 2 Timothy 2:13

When you think of FAITHFUL, what will it mean to you? Record your definition in the acronym.

F	_____
A	_____
I	_____
T	_____
H	_____
F	_____
U	_____
L	_____

## Reflections on **BETTER** from Hebrews



How do you use the word *better* when you are talking? You probably say something like, "I like this one *better* than that one." Or maybe you ask the question, "which one is *better*?" Sometimes we hope for *better* things, like for the weather to be *better*.



Did you know "BETTER" is a key word that occurs 13 times in the book of Hebrews? It is mentioned to emphasize the central idea that **knowing Jesus Christ and following Him, in His ways, is so much better!** In the first century, during Bible times, there were Christians who were tempted to stop being Christ followers and turn to another religion.

The book of Hebrews can be called the "BETTER" Book of the New Testament. Many years ago a business, The Dupont Company, had a slogan, "Building better things through chemistry." If Hebrews had a slogan, it might be:

"Building better things through the blood of Jesus."

Let's take a closer look at all the comparisons of "better" in the book of Hebrews.

**Directions:** Choose a few of the following Scripture references to investigate. Then write your own slogan (using the word *better*) for the book of Hebrews that you could share with someone who needs to hear the good news that there is nothing *better* than a relationship with Jesus!

Heb. 1:4	made so much better than the angels (a more excellent name)	Better Revelation Better Name
Heb. 6:9	we are persuaded better things of you	Better End
Heb. 7:7	the less is blessed of the better	Better Priesthood
Heb. 7:19	the bringing in of a better hope	Better Hope
Heb. 7:22	made a surety of a better covenant	Better Covenant
Heb. 8:6	the mediator of a better covenant	Better Mediator
Heb. 8:6	was established upon better promises	Better Promises
Heb. 9:23	with better sacrifices than these	Better Sacrifices
Heb. 10:34	in heaven a better and enduring substance	Better Future
Heb. 11:16	but now they desire a better country	Better Country
Heb. 11:35	they might obtain a better resurrection	Better Resurrection
Heb. 11:40	provided some better thing for us	Better Thing
Heb. 12:24	blood speaks better things than Abel's	Better Blood

My Hebrews slogan: (Don't forget to use the word *better* in your slogan.)

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